EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AT HOME AND WORK
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Office of Emergency Management
Emergency Preparedness Week 2012
INTRODUCTION

- National Emergency Preparedness Week
  May 6-12, 2012
- Know the risks at home and work
- What your personal plan should include
- Memorial’s Campus Emergency Management Plans
- Prepare an emergency kit
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY?

How would you?
- Look after your family for 72 hours?
- Cope without power or tap water?
- Contact your family and receive information?
- Respond to potential hazards at your worksite?
COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- Most emergencies are short lived
- I won’t ever have to deal with an emergency where I live
- There are a lot of emergencies I just can’t prepare for
- Preparing takes too much time
Although the majority of Canadians believe that having an emergency plan and emergency kit are important, *only a small minority* have actually created them.
**STEP 1**

**KNOWING THE RISK AT HOME**

- Public Safety Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador
  - Earthquake
  - Flood
  - Forest Fire
  - Hazardous Material Spill
  - Hurricane
  - Infectious Disease Outbreak
  - Landslide
  - Power Outage
  - Severe Storm
  - Storm Surge
  - Tornado
  - Tsunami
STEP 1
KNOWING THE RISK AT MEMORIAL

- Top threats at the St. John’s Campus

  1. Behavioral Threat to Safety
  2. Hazardous Materials
  3. Communicable Disease (non-pandemic) (e.g., Norwalk virus)
  4. Severe Weather (e.g., blizzards, rain/wind storms)
  5. Explosions/Fire
  6. Information Management/Information Technology Equipment Systems
  7. Pandemic (as declared by the World Health Organization)
  8. Labour Disruption
  9. Computer Security
  10. Major Power Outage
Emergency Preparedness Guide

- Emergency Exits
- Escape routes from neighborhood
- Family meeting areas
- Ensure help for people with disabilities

You aren’t prepared — until you make a plan.
**STEP 2**

**MAKE A PLAN AT HOME**

For families with children

- School’s emergency policies
- Updated contact information
- Designate contact persons and make sure your children know how to get in touch with them
STEP 2
MAKE A PLAN AT HOME

Special Health Needs

- Health information card
- Grab-and-go bag with medication, prescriptions, medical documents
- Ensure walkers, oxygen tanks and other emergency supplies
- Personal support network
Step 2
Make a Plan at Home

Other Helpful Hints

- Pet Considerations
- Out-of-town contact person
- New to Canada
- Photocopy your plan
- Practice/Review your plan!
STEP 2
PLANNING AT MEMORIAL

- Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities for:
  - All members of the campus community
  - President, Vice-Presidents, Deans, Directors, Heads, Managers and Supervisors
  - Faculty and Instructional Personnel

- Education and Awareness Campaign

- Training Opportunities
Step 3
Get a Kit
To prepare for an emergency that could last 72 hours or more, what would you put in a kit?
THREE STEPS TO GETTING PREPARED

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get a kit
PREPARE NOW!

- Memorial University – Office of Emergency Management
  - mun.ca/emergency
- Public Safety Canada
  - getprepared.ca
- Fire and Emergency Services-NL
  - gov.nl.ca/fes
- Environment Canada Weather office
  - weatheroffice.gc.ca
- Canadian Red Cross
  - redcross.ca
- St. John Ambulance
  - sja.ca
- The Salvation Army
  - salvationarmy.ca