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Evacuation

When preparing your family emergency plan, you should include information about what to do in case of an evacuation.

Here are some tips:

- If you are ordered to evacuate, take your emergency kit and cellular phone (if available) with you.
- If you have time, call or e-mail your out of town contact. Tell them where you are going and when you expect to arrive. Once you are safe, let them know. Tell them if any family members have become separated.
- If you have time, leave a note telling others when you left, where you were going, when you expected to arrive, and how to contact you.
- Shut off all appliances and lights. Shut off water and electricity if officials instruct you to do so.
- Lock the doors and windows of your home when you leave.
- Follow the recommended route to the evacuation centre as alternate routes or short-cuts may pass through hazards and place you in danger.
- If possible, take only one vehicle to the evacuation centre; this will help to keep your family together. Consider carpooling with your neighbours. Traffic may be heavy and parking at the shelter may be limited.
- Register with a reception centre so you can be contacted and reunited with loved ones.
- Do not leave the shelter until advised by local authorities that it is safe. Use care to avoid debris when driving and re-entering your home. Report broken gas, water, or sewer mains to the municipality.

