



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Emergency Preparedness Week – Are You Ready?

ABBOTSFORD, BC, April 29, 2014 –In an emergency situation, having a plan may help reduce the impact on an entire family. Being prepared can benefit everyone in the household. Members of the Abbotsford Emergency Program, Natural Resources Canada and Insurance Bureau of Canada will be hosting information sessions during Emergency Preparedness Week from May 5 to May 9. Emergency Preparedness Week is a national event that reminds Canadians to acknowledge and learn about the hazards unique to their home, work/ school location, and then to Make a Family Emergency Plan.

Sessions:

- **Emergency Kit Sales** (*no registration required*)
 - May 5 & May 7, from 8:30am – 4:00pm
 - Abbotsford City Hall, foyer
- **Personal Preparedness Presentation**
 - May 5 & 7, at 12:00pm
 - Abbotsford City Hall, 32315 South Fraser Way
- **Mt. Baker and the Risks for Abbotsford**

Presentation by Dr. Melanie Kelman, Volcanologist and John Oakley from Emergency Management BC.

 - May 6, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 - Matsqui Centennial Auditorium (City Hall)

Dr. Kelman studies the several hundred potentially active volcanoes in British Columbia and the Yukon. Dr. Kelman is currently completing a Volcanic Hazard Susceptibility Map of Canada, which shows areas of Canada most likely to be affected by volcanic ash that may fall during future eruptions within Canada.

- **The Benefit of Risk Assessment for Abbotsford**

Presentation by Nicki Hastings of Natural Resources Canada

 - May 8, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
 - Matsqui Centennial Auditorium (City Hall)
- **Information Session on Insurance Coverage**

Presentation by Insurance Bureau of Canada

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The public can register for any of these free sessions at www.abbotsford.ca/emergencyweek. For more information contact the Abbotsford Emergency Preparedness Program office at 604-864-5694 or srai@abbotsford.ca.

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