

13.0 COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND HOUSEHOLD PLANNING

Community education activities are extended to citizens regardless of their residency. Hazard awareness and emergency preparedness of citizens who live off of UTG lands are supported through information and workshop activities. The UTG Emergency Program applies directly to UTG lands and program protocols are focused on the safety and security of residents of Ehtlathese.

Given the current growth of housing at Ehtlathese, we recognize that new residents may require additional help in adapting to remote living. In-village training and practice will be required.

13.1 ACRD VOYENT ALERT!

Uchucklesaht citizens are encouraged to subscribe to the Alberni-Clayquot Regional District emergency notification service. The service is available at the following link: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/user-registration>



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13.2 HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY INFORMATION PACKAGE

The following pages present information designed for distribution to homes and workplaces at Ehtlathese but are of use for all Uchucklesaht citizen homes.



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In Case of an Emergency

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In case of any emergency, if possible, immediately:

Call 911

You can direct your call to agencies such as police, fire, or ambulance.

On Uchucklesaht Lands, if it is safe to do so, please also contact the
UTG Emergency Line at **778 421 8320**.

A wide range of emergencies are possible:

- Wildfire or Structural Fire
- Medical Emergency
- Motor Vehicle Accident
- Landslides
- Hazardous Materials Spill
- Boating Accident

In the case of an earthquake please do not call 911 unless it is to address an immediate threat to life. Many will try to call and the lines will get overloaded.

This householder package includes information on:

- The contents of a Grab and Go Kit
- In case of an Evacuation Alert or Shelter in Place
- In case of an Evacuation Order
- In case of an Earthquake
- In case of a Tsunami
- In case of a Wildfire
- Household emergency planning booklet
- A HELP/OKAY sign for your window

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Grab and Go Kit

Emergencies can happen anywhere or anytime. Make sure that your family is prepared to provide for yourselves for three days to a week.

A great idea is to have a **Grab and Go Kit** with the following supplies in your home and ready to be taken with you if you are told to evacuate. Set a schedule to replace outdated items twice a year!

Food and Water

- ✓ Two litres of water per person per day in small bottles that can be carried with you
- ✓ Food that won't spoil such as canned food, powdered milk, energy bars, and dried food

Emergency Supplies

- ✓ Emergency contact information for your family and outside contacts
- ✓ Prescription medication and extra glasses
- ✓ First aid kit

Equipment

- ✓ Whistle, flashlight and spare batteries
- ✓ Battery powered or wind-up AM/FM radio
- ✓ Candles, matches, lighter
- ✓ Writing pad and pencil
- ✓ Garbage bags and small plastic bags
- ✓ House wares (can opener, non-breakable dishes, cutlery)
- ✓ Dust mask, goggles
- ✓ Duct tape, rope, string

Personal Items

- ✓ Copies of personal documents (drivers licence, birth certificate, status card, health card)
- ✓ Extra set of house and vehicle keys
- ✓ Cash and banking information, include coins
- ✓ Insurance policies and contact information
- ✓ Bedding (sleeping bags and a ground sheet)
- ✓ Clothes for three days - prepare for cold and rain, plus walking shoes
- ✓ Toiletries including soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, tooth brush and paste, toilet paper
- ✓ Books and games, favourite toys for children
- ✓ Special needs items for babies (diapers, formula) and Elders (canes)
- ✓ Items for your pets such as food, collar, leash, kennel box

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In Case of an Evacuation Alert

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In an emergency you may receive an **Evacuation Alert**, an **Evacuation Order**, or be asked to **Shelter-in-Place**.

If an **EVACUATION ALERT** is issued:

Be prepared to leave on short notice. Locate all family members and designate a safe meeting place should an evacuation order be given.

Gather together the following items:

- Grab-and-go kit.
- Prescription medication, eyeglasses, hearing aids.
- Items necessary for the care and feeding of any infants.
- Identification and important papers sealed in a plastic bag or waterproof container.
- Appropriate clothing and shoes including rainwear or winter coats, boots, *etc.*
- Paper or cardboard and marker in order to be able to leave a note.
- If the call comes to leave, don't forget the pets!

You are told to **SHELTER-IN-PLACE**.

If you are told to shelter-in-place you should:

- Go inside your home or the nearest building as soon as possible.
- Close all windows, doors, vents, fireplaces, and any other openings.
- Use telephones only if you require immediate emergency service.
- Close all curtains and blinds. Stay away from windows.
- Monitor radio or on-line for any emergency updates.
- In the case of an environmental emergency you may be asked to:
 - Use plastic wrap, duct tape, or aluminum foil to seal any leaks.
 - Turn off all heating, air conditioning, or other ventilation systems.
 - Seek medical attention if you experience any symptoms from toxic exposure.
- Do not leave the building until you have been advised that any danger has passed.
- Do not go out to reunify with family or pick up your children. Everyone will be safer staying put.

See other side for **EVACUATION ORDER**

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In Case of Evacuation Order

In an emergency you may receive an **Evacuation Alert**, an **Evacuation Order**, or be asked to **Shelter-in-Place**.

An **EVACUATION ORDER** is issued.

- Follow instructions.
- Leave as quickly as possible.
- Shut off all appliances.
- Do not shut off utilities (water, propane, and electricity) unless told to do so.
- Move combustibles away from the home.
- Bring your Grab and Go Kit, medications, identification, and pets.
- Leave behind on the door or front window a note describing who is or is not accounted for and where you are going.
- Lock your home.
- Proceed as directed by the evacuation order.
- If an evacuation route is prescribed use it and do not take short-cuts.

The evacuation order will identify the **Muster Point** or **Reception Centre** which in the case of Ehtlathese Village may be the water treatment plant, helipad, or dock depending upon the situation.

When you arrive at the **Muster Point**:

- Register yourself and those with you.
- Read or listen to vital information provided to you.

Further evacuation from the **Muster Point** may be required.

- Follow instructions.
- If ordered to further evacuate from the **Muster Point** register that you have done so and who is with you.
- When you arrive at the indicated **Evacuation Reception Centre** register with centre staff so that you can be accounted for and reunited with family.

See other side for **EVACUATION ALERT** and **SHELTER-IN-PLACE**

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In Case of Earthquake

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If you are inside:

- Stay inside.
- **DROP** down, crawl under furniture, and **COVER** your neck.
- **HOLD ON** to what is available and stay covered.
- Stay away from windows and shelves with heavy objects.
- If you can't go under something strong, crouch or flatten yourself against an interior wall.
- If you are in a wheelchair: lock the wheels and protect the back of your head and neck.
- If you are in bed: stay there and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are below a heavy object that could fall on you. In that case, move to the nearest safe area.

If you are outside:

- Stay outside.
- Stay away from trees, power lines and buildings.

If you are in a vehicle:

- Pull over and keep roads clear for emergency vehicles.
- Avoid bridges, overpasses, underpasses, buildings or anything that could collapse.
- Stop the car and stay inside.
- Place a HELP sign in your window if you need assistance.
- Do not attempt to get out of your car if downed power lines are across it. Wait to be rescued.



See other side for **After the Shaking Stops**

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After the Shaking Stops

- Be prepared for aftershocks.
- Stay calm. Help others if you are able.
- Place a HELP sign in your window if you need assistance.
- Do not light matches or turn on light switches. Any flame or spark can cause an explosion if there are gas leaks.
- Unplug appliances and broken lights to prevent fire when the power is restored.
- Exit your home and check for damage.
- If you suspect the structure is unsafe, or there is a gas leak, evacuate your home.
- If your home is equipped with natural gas or propane: Call your gas provider immediately to report any concerns or if you smell gas (rotten egg smell). Shut off the gas valve if you know how. Once the gas is turned off, don't turn it back on. Only a licensed gas technician can turn the gas on safely.
- If you feel it is safe to stay where you are, monitor radio and online for weather warnings and instructions from authorities.
- Place corded telephone receivers back in their cradles; only make calls if requiring emergency services.
- If tap water is available, fill bathtub or containers in case supply gets cut off.
- Check on your neighbours after looking after members of your own household. Organize rescue measures if people are trapped or call for emergency assistance if you cannot safely help them.

Remember: A strong earthquake is your tsunami warning!

- If you are in a Tsunami risk zone, move to high ground
- At Ehtlateese move to the Mobile EOC/Reception Centre at the water treatment compound.

See other side for **During an Earthquake**



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In Case of a Tsunami

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Tsunami alerts will be identified by Tsunami Notification Zone. Uchucklesaht Lands are in **Tsunami Notification Zone C**.

Tsunami alerts come in the form of warnings, advisories, watches, information statements, and cancellations. The table below tells you what these mean.

Alert Level	Threat	Action
WARNING	Flood wave possible	Full evacuation suggested
ADVISORY	Strong currents likely	Stay away from the shore
WATCH	Danger level not yet known	Stay alert for more information
INFORMATION STATEMENT	Minor waves at most	No action suggested
CANCELLATION	Tidal gauges show no wave activity	Confirm safety of local areas

If you are near the ocean and experience a strong earthquake consider it your Tsunami Warning and move to high ground.

In the case of a **Tsunami Warning**:

- Assess your own safety and the safety of the area around you;
- Move to high ground;
- In Ehthlateese:
 - Move to the reception centre at the water treatment compound, assist Elders or those with mobility issues;
 - Stay there until the cancellation notice;
- Call 911 for critical injuries only;
- Contact UTG at **778 421 8320**;
- Monitor radio and on-line for updates;
- If there are community members in boats close to shore have them come in and get to high ground as soon as possible; and
- If there are community members in open water have them stay there and head out to deeper water.



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Ehthlateese Tsunami Inundation Map

The following is a detail from the Uchucklesaht Risk Map. The light blue line is the Tsunami inundation zone.



Uchucklesaht Risk Map

UTG CI, Structures - May 2021

- Dwellings
- Infrastructure
- Dock
- Hydrant
- Key Locations
- Ehthlateese 200yr Storm Surge Zone (6m)
- Ehthlateese Tsunami Inundation Zone (10m)
- Main Road
- Resource Road
- Survey Parcel
- Tl'it'sk'in Paawats
- Uchucklesaht Tribe Territory
- Potential Addition to UT Lands
- Uchucklesaht Lands

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In Case of a Wildfire

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In the case of a **Wildfire**:

- Assess your own safety and the safety of those around you.
 - Stay UP-WIND and out of 'harm's way' – note smoke and ash hazards.
 - Evacuate the site if necessary
- Call BC Wildfire Service at **1 800 663-5555** or *5555 from a cell phone.
- After calling the Wildfire Service, and if it is safe to do so, please contact the UTG Emergency Line at **778 421 8320**
- If possible, stay on site until an official arrives so long as your safety is not jeopardized. You may be able to provide valuable information to the initial attack crew.

Public Wildfire Reporting:

To report a wildfire or irresponsible behaviour call **1 800 663-5555** or ***5555** from a cell phone. Information from the public is crucial to ensuring wildfires are responded to as soon as possible.

All calls are answered by BC Wildfire Service staff at the Provincial Forest Fire Reporting Centre. Any information you can provide is helpful, however you can expect the emergency call taker to ask for details about the fire, such as:

Where is the fire? How far up the hillside? Closest roads or intersections?

How big is it? Size of a house? Size of a football field?

How quickly is the fire spreading? Is the fire on the ground or crowning?

What is burning? Grass, bushes, timber, slash?

What colour is the smoke? Are flames visible? What direction is it blowing?

Are there any people or buildings at risk?

Is anyone fighting the fire?

Is there large equipment nearby?

Is there a source of water nearby?

What is the weather like?

If reporting a campfire, can you tell if it is wood burning or is it a propane campfire?

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In Case of a Structural Fire

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In case of a **Structural Fire**:

Assess your own safety and the safety of the area around you.

- If the fire is small and an extinguisher is at hand attempt to extinguish the flames.
- If you are not able to extinguish the fire, pick up your grab-and-go kit and ensure that all persons and pets exit the building.
- If closed doors or handles are warm or smoke blocks your primary escape route, use your second way out. Never open doors that are warm to the touch.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Close doors behind you.
- If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with doors closed. Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 9-1-1. Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.
- Once you are outside, go to your meeting place and then send one person to call the fire department. If you cannot get to your meeting place, follow your family emergency communication plan.
- If your clothes catch on fire stop what you're doing, drop to the ground and cover your face if you can, roll over and over or back and forth until the flames go out. Running will only make the fire burn faster. Once the flames are out, cool the burned skin with water for three to five minutes. Call for medical attention.

Contact Authorities

- Call **911** to alert response agencies
- If there is a risk of the fire spreading to surrounding forest advise the BC Wildfire Service at **1 800 663-5555** or *5555 from a cell phone.
- When and if it is safe to do so, please contact the UTG Emergency Line at **778 421 8320**. Brief the UTG staff on the situation and actions taken. Leave a message if the call is not answered.

Village of Ehtlateese Local Site Response:

- As required, initiate **first aid** with any equipment immediately at hand
- Make victims as comfortable as possible with local resources, including water, food, clothing, and shelter.
- Residents and visitors with appropriate training may attempt to control the fire using equipment on site. The emphasis will be on saving lives and preventing spread.
 - The Village is equipped with a new water system and firefighting equipment, and there are 5 hydrants and equipment stations throughout the Village. The maintenance worker holds the key.
- Stay in contact with UTG.

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13.3 ON-LINE RESOURCES

EmergencyInfoBC

<http://emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca>

EmergencyInfoBC is active during partial and full-scale provincial emergencies. They share official response and recovery sources, as well as verified event information from trusted partners.

EMBC Indigenous Communities Emergency Operations

This is for local emergency program staff responsible for public safety during response and recovery in an event. Please note that it is preferable to use UTG emergency forms.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/indigenous-emergency-operations>

Current Wildfire Activity

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation> Offers information on current wildfire activity in B.C., including details about specific wildfires, fire response efforts, and Fire Danger Ratings across the province

For other information on wildfires: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

Flood Warning and Advisories

<http://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/index.htm> The Flood Warning and Advisory Notification map represents flood advisory and warning notifications as updated by the BC **River Forecast Centre** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre>

Public Weather Alerts for BC

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc A map providing public weather alerts for the Province of British Columbia. Penelakut Tribe – All-hazards Emergency Management Plan

Earthquakes Canada

www.earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/index-eng.php

A map providing information on recent significant earthquakes in British Columbia. You can also report feeling an earthquake using the [earthquake questionnaire](#).

<https://www.earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/dyfi-lavr/index-en.php>

Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre

<https://www.tsunami.gov/> A map showing international tsunami warnings provided by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Weather Service.

Avalanche Canada

<https://www.avalanche.ca/map> A map providing avalanche risk evaluations and warnings for mountainous regions in British Columbia.



Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery>

Emergency management in British Columbia is guided by four pillars: Mitigation, Preparation, Response and Recovery. Here you can learn how the Province is involved in emergencies and find resources for your household, neighbourhood and community. Whether it's floods, wildfires, earthquakes or tsunamis, Emergency Info BC links British Columbians to the information they need to respond to and recover from disasters.

PreparedBC

(www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC)

PreparedBC is a central hub of information to help individuals and communities prepare before disaster strikes. The website provides general emergency information and hazard-specific information for everyone in your community. Specific resources are available to help prepare children, seniors, those with disabilities, business & tourism operators and those with pets & livestock. Online resources include videos, downloadable PDF guides, infographics and more.

Get Prepared

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx> These resources can help you respond quickly in an emergency to help yourself and others, understand the risks in your area, create a household emergency plan, and build an emergency kit.

Emergency Preparedness Guide

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx> This guide explains in detail the steps Canadians should take to become better prepared for emergencies. Included are a Family Emergency Plan template and list of emergency kit items.

