







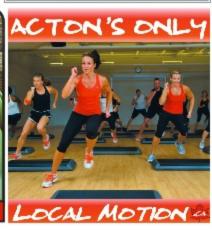


MAKE A PLAN

GET A KIT







## Halton Region joins partners to encourage emergency preparedness

In recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week, running May 7 to 14, Halton Region and its emergency management partners encourage residents to take precautions to reduce the impact of a potential emergency in their community.

"Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility that involves residents, community partners and all levels of government,' said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "We work together to minimize the risks, coordinate response efforts and reduce the impact of emergency situations to help ensure that our essential services remain available when you need them most."

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time. Residents and businesses can do their part to reduce the impact of potential emergencies by taking three simple steps to help everyone in Halton stay safe:

First step: know the risks-residents should ensure they know the hazards and risks in their community.

Second step: make a plan-households should determine what they would do during and after



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various emergencies, identified in the first step, while also considering neighbours, family and friends who may be particularly vulnerable.

Third step: get a kit residents should assemble, buy or refresh the items that their household would need to stay safe for 72 hours, including supplies for older adults, children and pets.

"Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility," said John deHooge, Halton Hills Fire Chief and Halton Regional Fire Coordinator.

"Everyone should have a plan on how they can survive for 72 hours and have an Emergency Survival

Kit. Should a large scale emergency occur, being prepared will allow first responders to deal with the disaster while the citizen can support themselves with the smaller issues."

Residents can also help

protect their homes and families year-round by staying informed about seasonal risks and current weather conditions. To learn more about emergency preparedness, visit halton.ca/beprepared



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