

Emergency Preparedness at CapU

A major emergency or disaster in BC is always a possibility; in some cases, the hazards we experience each year are getting worse due to climate change. Climate change is affecting rainfall, flooding and temperature which may lead to more frequent and severe emergencies in the future. **Are you aware of the potential emergencies on our campuses and in the communities where you live? Are you prepared to respond if they occur?**

What are we doing to prepare?

If an emergency occurs on or near one of our campuses, it may take emergency services some time to reach us. That's why CapU is currently undertaking a process to identify potential emergencies and create or update our response plans, communication tools and response capabilities.

This year we will hold information sessions, building evacuation drills (4 per building/per year) and detailed emergency drills for specific events like fires, earthquakes and active threats. In February 2023 CapU will also participate in Exercise Coastal Response, a 3-day provincial earthquake exercise.

We're working hard to keep our campuses safe and we are asking you to do your part, too.



If an emergency happens

- Do you know whether to evacuate the building you're in or shelter in place?
- Do you know where the emergency exits and evacuation assembly areas are?
- What would you do if the person next to you collapsed or got injured?
- What if you spotted a bear on campus?
- What if there is a fire or the building you're in starts to shake?

The answers to many these questions are included on the **Emergency Procedures** poster located in all classrooms, meeting rooms and health and safety boards throughout our campuses. Take a few moments to read the one closest to you and if you have any questions contact your instructor, supervisor or any member of the CapU Safety and Emergency Services team.

During the month of September, we'll provide a lot more information to help you get prepared for an emergency, stay tuned!

Safety is a priority at CapU! You are expected to complete tasks in a manner that doesn't put yourself, others or the environment at risk. **Never walk past an unsafe act or condition** and if you see something that can't be corrected right away, secure it and inform your supervisor and the safety department.