
Be Prepared Trivia

Emergency Preparedness Week 2025

Overview

Use these questions to support your own [Emergency Preparedness Week](#) campaigns and engage with your community to increase disaster risk literacy and motivate preparedness action. The answers are based on the [Be Prepared program](#) and may not be an exhaustive list. Use the Be Prepared program to create your own emergency preparedness trivia.

Trivia questions

1. According to the [2024 Preparedness Survey of Albertans](#), what percentage of Albertans feel unprepared?

Answer:

- 43% (down 2 points from 2023).

2. According to the [2024 Preparedness Survey of Albertans](#), what are the top 4 hazards of concern?

Answer(s):

- Power and water outages, extreme heat, severe drought, extreme cold and wildfires.
 - 65% said power and water outages (down from 77% in 2023).
 - 64% said extreme heat (down from 73% in 2023).
 - 64% said severe drought (down from 71% in 2023).
 - 71% said extreme cold (up 1% from 2023).
 - 59% said wildfires (down from 63% in 2023).

3. When is [wildfire](#) season in Alberta?

Answer:

- Wildfire season officially starts March 1 – October 31; however, wildfires can still occur outside this time frame.

4. In serious situations, [evacuation orders](#) may be issued without an evacuation alert. Individuals and households should be prepared by having enough supplies to last how many days?

Answer:

- A minimum 7 days.

5. How often should you update your [emergency kit and supplies](#)?

Answer:

- Generally, its best to update your emergency kit every season.

6. Emergencies and disasters can have devastating financial impacts and being prepared is about more than just having money in the bank. Name a few ways you can [financially prepare](#).

Answer(s):

- Start a savings fund.
- Keep cash on hand in case banking services become unavailable.
- Talk to your insurance provider to ensure you understand what your policy covers, and more importantly, what it doesn't cover.
- Have alternative payment methods available.
- Learn what disaster assistance programs may be available.
- When looking to buy, rent, or develop property, avoid high-risk areas like floodways and fringes.

7. How can [community connections](#) increase your resilience to disruptions, emergencies, and disasters?

Answer(s):

- When an emergency occurs, it's your community members in the area that are often the first to respond and lend a hand.
- It is easier to ask for help if you know them.
- Help one another stay safe by sharing information about risks in your area such as coyote sightings, break-ins/theft, trouble shoot disruptions like outages (localized vs individual).
- Build resilient communities through gatherings, emergency contact lists, wellness checks, sharing resources (assets), etc.

8. Name one way you could stay warm during a [power outage](#) in the winter.

Answer(s):

- Head to the lowest level of the building. Heat is drawn from the ground so it will stay warm longer.
- Keep doors and blinds closed.
- Have extra blankets and warm clothes on hand.
- Use a wood-burning or gas fireplace (this may not be available in the event of a power outage if the pilot light is out) if you have one.
- Go to a community warming centre, if provided, when it's too cold to stay put.

9. [Staying informed](#) during emergencies can save your life. What trusted sources of information can you use to stay informed?

Answer(s):

- Download the [Alberta Emergency Alert](#) app, [AB Wildfire](#), [WeatherCAN](#), community apps, local news apps, etc.
- Contact your community to find out where they post updated information during emergencies.
- Check [Alberta 511](#) for current road conditions.

10. [Pets](#) are often impacted by emergencies and disasters. How can you keep your pet safe and comfortable if you had to evacuate?

Answer(s):

- Pack their favorite toy or blanket.
- Pre-plan for a pet friendly hotel, kennel, shelter, friend's house, etc.
- Practice transporting your pet in your vehicle.
- Pack a 7–14 day supply of food and water.