

How to Register for Various Provincial/ Non-Provincial Notification Alert Systems

After the recent earthquake and tsunami events that were experienced in Haida Gwaii, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to register at least two (2) members of your community, specifically emergency management personnel, on the various provincial and non-provincial notification alert systems.

Tsunami Notification Alert Systems:

Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC)

Current information and announcements regarding active emergency incidents:
<http://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca>

Information on EMBC's criteria for issuing provincial tsunami notifications:
<http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/ministries/justice/factsheets/factsheet-criteria-for-provincial-tsunami-notification.html>

Provincial Emergency Notification System (PENS)

Register by contacting the EMBC Regional Office responsible for your region of the province. The PENS system comprised of an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) automated phone call system, two separate email systems, a fax system and is used for **tsunami notification purposes only**. The contacts on the list are limited to emergency management stakeholders, agencies, and their primary contact personnel.

The West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre (WCATWC)¹ is the immediate source of tsunami information for BC, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California:
<http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC)¹ is the source of tsunami information for Hawaii, Indian Ocean, Caribbean and areas within and bordering the Pacific Ocean. The PTWC is a back up for the WCATWC in the event WCATWC is not in operation: <http://ptwc.weather.gov/>

Earthquake Notification Alert Systems:

The PENS system does not re-distribute earthquake occurrence information but there are a number of automated/electronic products that are available.

Natural Resources Canada

Register at: <http://www.earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/index-eng.php>
You can also register for their RSS feed.

The US Geological Survey

Obtain real time earthquake information. Register at: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/feed/>

¹ Recent changes at the National Weather Service, which hosted both the WCATWC and PTWC information, no longer supports registration for notifications. You may register for these notifications at:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/GOVDUSNWS/subscriber/new>

All-hazards Emergency Management (EM) Information Links:

For information pertaining to all-hazards such as floods, wild land fires, and earthquakes please visit the following links:

General EM Information

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

Flood Specific Information

River Forecast Centre: <http://bcRFC.env.gov.bc.ca>

EMBC: <http://embc.gov.bc.ca/em/floods/index.html>

Fire Specific Information

BC Wildfire Management Branch: <http://bcwildfire.ca/Situation>

EMBC: http://embc.gov.bc.ca/em/hazard_preparedness/Wildfire_Information.html

Environment Canada

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/default.asp?lang=En&n=FDf98F96-1>

National Weather Service (US)

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNWS/subscriber/new>

Social Media Tools:

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/EmergencyInfoBC> and <http://twitter.com/EmergencyPrepBC>

YouTube: <http://youtube.com/emergencyinfobc>

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/emergencyinfobc/>

Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/emergencyinfobc/>

SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/bcgov/sets/emergencyinfobc>

We would also like to encourage you to review and update your existing emergency management plans and/or begin the process of developing emergency management plans for your communities.

As a reminder, when an all-hazards emergency occurs in your community, your first point of contact is **EMBC** which can be reached at their 24/7 **emergency line: 1-800-663-3456**.