

The logo of the civil security is recognized everywhere in the world. It is therefore easy to recognize the people who help people during emergencies or disasters. The logo is found on their helmets, jackets, coats, etc. The logo is also visible close to a disaster services center.

The orange circle, visible from a distance, means the alert. The triangle represents stability, balance and harmony, blue is the color of peace.

The ultimate goal is to maximize the actions of municipal authorities during an unconventional emergency. By structuring actions in advance, it affects the response time of the stakeholders, be it in terms of coordination, human and material resources, communications and affected stakeholders.

Since a plan of this kind requires ongoing updates and a refresh of actions, the City of Richmond conducts annual training as it would also do for first aid courses, for example.

Preparing for Disasters

You are primarily responsible for your own safety!

In an emergency situation or during a disaster, you are responsible for carrying out the first steps that will keep you and your family safe, and safeguard your belongings.

What Can You Do?

- Find out about disaster risks in your area by contacting your municipality or by looking it up on the Internet. Get to know what steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.
- Prepare your Family Safety Plan.
- Always have an <u>emergency kit</u> in your home. Your kit should contain enough material, food and water to provide for your basic needs during the first 3 days of an emergency situation. You can bring it with you if you must evacuate your home.
- Make sure your belongings are properly <u>insured</u>.

A family safety plan is very useful in case of an emergency. Take a few moments to prepare your own plan. It's easy!

Visit the ministère de la Sécurité publique Web Site to know more about a " Family safety plan "

Did You Know?

Did you know that over 2500 homes, located in 40 municipalities on the banks of Rivière Richelieu and Lac Champlain, were flooded in the spring of 2011, during the spring floods in the Montérégie region? The disaster, which lasted 69 days, required the evacuation of over 1500 citizens.

In 2019, more than 7,053 homes were flooded and 10,474 citizens were evacuated from their homes.