## Emergency Contacts

Our Civic Address is:

Police/Fire/EHS... 911

Non-emergency health advice 811

Band Office – 10526 HWY #3, Yar., NS B5A 5J7 (902) 742-0257

N.S. Power Outage 1-877-428-6004

Family Contact Numbers Mom \_\_\_\_\_ Dad \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Comfort Center Location\_\_\_\_\_

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# Acadia First Nation **"Emergency Prepared"**



Acadia First Nation has developed an Emergency Plan to guide Chief and Council and Band Staff during emergency events. We rely on the community working together to support the safety and well-being of all Band Members.





"When emergencies happen, we are 'all in this together'. Be prepared to stay in your home with enough supplies for 3 days If it isn't safe to stay in the community we will direct you how when and where to evacuate." -Acadia Chief & Council

### The Risk

Most emergency events in Acadia Communities are caused by weather. Heavy rainfall and hurricanes happen in summer and fall. Blizzards, ice-storms, and snow/rain mixes happen in winter and spring.

High winds, flooding, snow and icy conditions can make driving dangerous and cause power outages for 3 days or more.

Climate changes are likely to create stronger storms with longer power and utility outages.

You should be prepared to comfortably stay in your home for 3 to 4 days without needing to go out for supplies even if the power is off and phone service is unavailable.

Use the guide on the back of this brochure for ideas on supplies your family might need.

911 lines stay open, but help may take longer to get to you during storm conditions.

#### What can individuals and families do?

#### In Storm warning phase

- Stock "Family Needs List" (back page)
- Make child/pet arrangements (school closure plans; pet care)
  - care)
  - Re-schedule travel plans
- Make sure your civic address is visible from the road (day and night)
- Test back-ups (flashlights, generators)
- Consider filling bathtubs/containers for water sources
- Charge battery operated devices
- Talk about your plan with family members
- Check on your neighbour

#### During and immediately after the storm

- Monitor radio and local media
- Keep devices charged and ready
- Stay off the roads
- Use" Family Needs List" (back page)
- Keep pets safe
- Use alternative heat and cooking sources safely
- When using portable generators ensure:
  - Generator is used outside in well-ventilated area protected from rain and snow
  - To turn off and allow to cool before refueling
  - Store fuel outside in ventilated area
    - Cords aren't cut or torn and have grounding pin (3 pronged end)

## How will Band Members be supported during storm events?

The Emergency Plan identifies Comfort Centers that will be set-up to support Band Members. You can charge your devices, make a meal, and get information or further support at the Comfort Center. Comfort Centers are run by the community for the community.

#### What if I need to evacuate?

Events like wildfires or extreme flooding may make it unsafe to stay in your home or the community. You will be notified of such conditions by Band Staff. Arrangements will be made to provide basic needs and housing for you.

Take medications and important documents with you. Pets must be in carriers or restraining devices. Transportation will be arranged for you if necessary

#### **Information Sources**

Official emergency notices, alerts and information will be posted on our Facebook Page <u>Acadia First Nation Opportunities</u> and Updates

#### @AFNOpportunitiesandUpdates

