

Emergency Preparedness

Ministry of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

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Recent Emergency Events

- North Vancouver mudslide
- Southern B.C. - floods, ice jams, landslides and avalanches
- Immediate emergency response by all agencies
- B.C. has one of the best emergency systems in North America.

Provincial Emergency Program

For emergency preparedness information in your area and to apply for Disaster Financial Assistance, contact PEP:

Website: **www.pep.bc.ca**

Phone: **250 952-4913**

Fax: **250 952-4888**

Supporting Communities

Province providing \$1 million to coastal communities to prepare for tsunamis:

- \$20,000 to 24 communities identified as *high-risk*
- \$10,000 to 46 communities *less exposed* to the open ocean

The \$1 Million Fund

The communities will use the funds to:

- identify risks
- develop enhanced response plans
- upgrade communications and warning systems
- support public education programs

B.C.'s Leadership Role

The province has responded quickly:

- \$8 million provided for South Asian tsunami victims
- \$1 million to enhance emergency preparedness in our coastal and First Nation communities
- \$850,000 federal funding
- three Internet-based community workshops

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