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## Emergency Preparedness for the Workplace

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An emergency poses an immediate risk of significant harm to health, life, property or the environment. Preparing for emergencies is an important part of your workplace health and safety program and is a legal requirement throughout Canada.

### Common types of emergencies



## 4 elements of an emergency management program



### What's in a written emergency response plan?

- ✓ Scope and outline potential emergencies
- ✓ Alarms and other methods of initiating a response
- ✓ Site-specific response procedures
- ✓ Command structure, roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Shutting down of power
- ✓ Evacuation and assembly procedures
- ✓ Communication systems and protocols
- ✓ Emergency contact lists
- ✓ Resource lists

Keep employees and responders free from harm  
Manage life-threatening situations  
Minimize damage to the environment, equipment, machinery, tools, etc.  
Minimize downtime

### Why prepare for emergencies?

As a worker, it is important that you know how to

- Identify common types of emergencies
- Respond if you encounter a situation
- Respond when an emergency alarm is activated
- Ask your employer for more information and training

### 6 key steps to emergency planning



At Northern Safety Solutions, we believe that we should always be prepared for Emergency Preparedness, whether it's at work or at home. We have all seen the devastation in Barrie when a tornado touched down in July. This has happened in different areas of Northern Ontario in the past years. Let's be ready in case of a catastrophic event in our communities. Please everyone, let's be safe and enjoy our summer. From the staff of Northern Safety Solutions.