



York Region Emergency Management Program

York Region Accessibility
Advisory Committee

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Presentation Overview

- Emergency Management Components
- York Region Emergency Management Program
- Personal Preparedness
- Expect the Unexpected



PREVENTION / MITIGATION:

- ACTIONS TAKEN TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE EFFECTS OF AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS:

ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

RECOVERY:

- ACTIONS TAKEN TO RECOVER FROM AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

RESPONSE:

- ACTIONS TAKEN TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

Regulatory Compliance

The *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) and Regulation 380/04 requires that each Municipality & Ministry develop an Emergency Management Program adopted by a By-Law of Council:
The Program must include:

- An Emergency Plan based on identified risks and hazards
- Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA) and critical infrastructure identification
- Mandatory annual training programs and exercises
- Public education on risks to public safety and emergency preparedness





Regulatory Compliance –Cont'd

- Trained Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator (CEMC)
- An Emergency Management Program Committee
- A current By-law adopting an emergency management program and emergency response plan
- A designated Public Information Officer
- A designated Regional Emergency Operations Centre



York Region Emergency Operations Centre





Training & Exercises

Emergency Management

Exercise Operation FLU-READY- October 2006





Operation Rising Waters

Emergency Management

October 29, 2007





Public Awareness

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Are YOU ready?

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Are you ready? is a series of monthly bulletins from York Region Emergency Management that will assist you to prepare for an all-hazards emergency or disaster by detailing three suggestions that can help you become better prepared.

You and your family's well-being, preparation, and safety are important and essential. Will you be ready?



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STORAGE CONTAINER

Should you be advised to evacuate, a durable storage container to keep your supplies.

Having everything in one place will :

- Save time during an emergency
- Ensure all necessary items are with you
- Make it easier to find items during an emergency



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FLASHLIGHT

A flashlight is an important tool during an emergency. Remember to:

- Keep it in your Emergency Kit
- Store extra batteries

Don't get left out in the dark!



3



WHISTLE

A whistle will enable you to signal for help during an emergency and direct people during an evacuation.

Also, a whistle will allow you to alert others in the case of an emergency within your vicinity.

For more information, please visit
emergency.management@york.ca

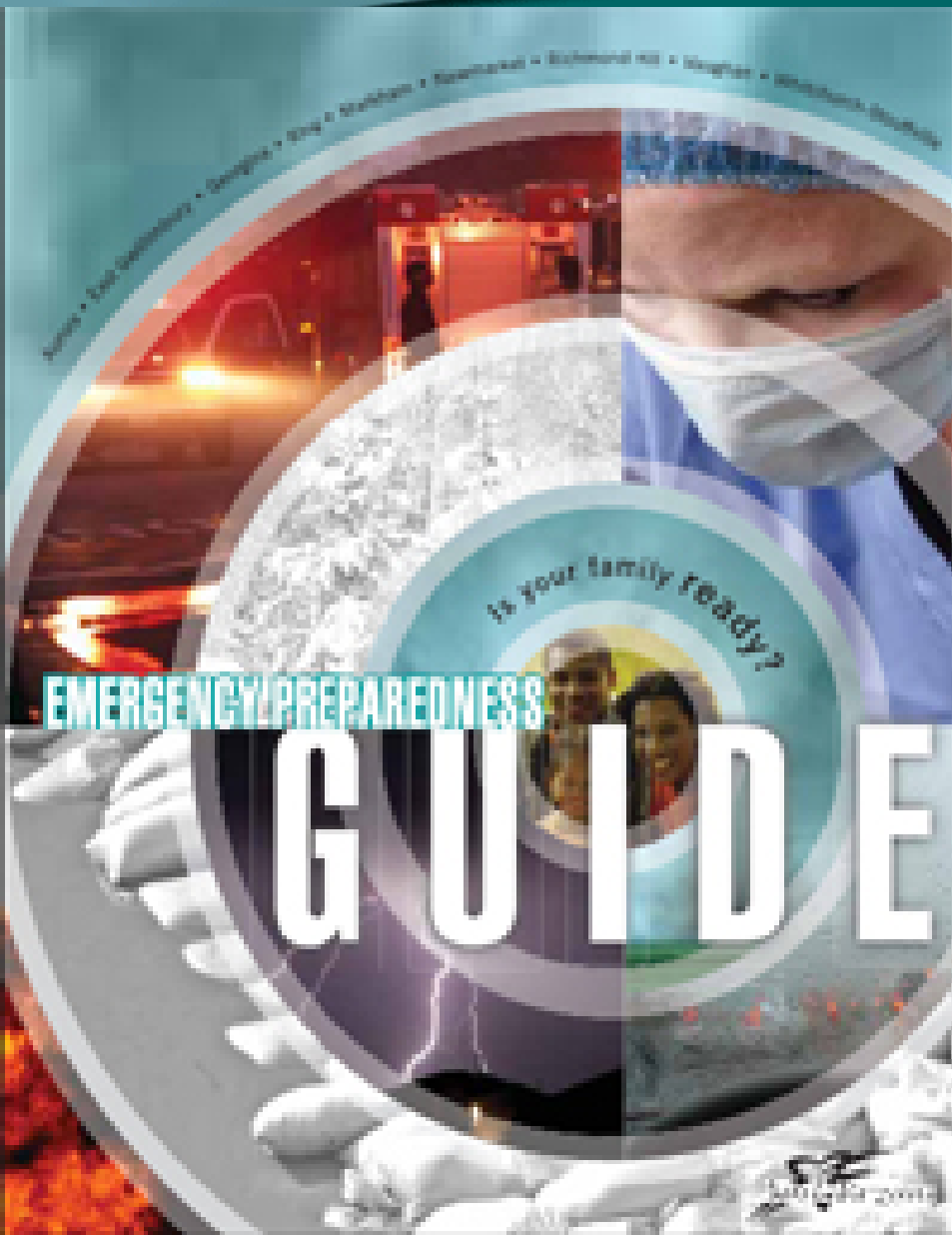
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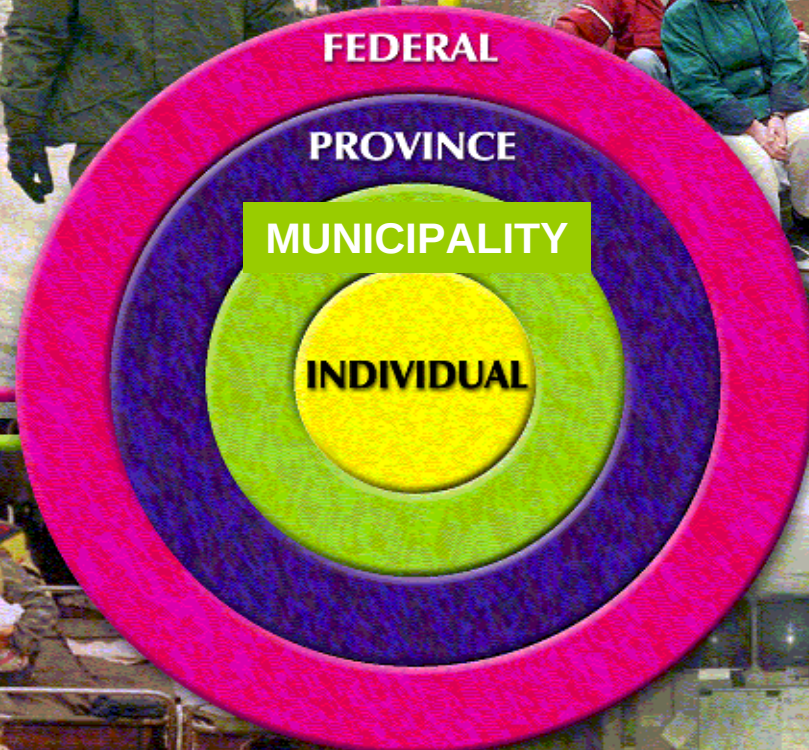
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Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities / Special Needs



PROTECTING YOUR SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME





Personal Emergency Preparedness 72 Hours

- Know the risks
 - ✓ Floods
 - ✓ Severe Weather
 - ✓ Hazardous Materials Spills
 - ✓ Power Failure
- Make a Plan- Expect the Unexpected
- Make a kit
- Know evacuation procedures
- Be prepared to shelter in place



Make a Plan

- Develop a plan to stay in contact with family members
- Keep small amounts of cash in a safe place
- Keep copies of important documents available
- Ensure provisions for family members with disabilities and special needs
- Create a buddy system with your neighbours
- Include provisions for pets





Make a Kit



Kit Contents

- Water
- Food Items
- First Aid Kit
- Personal Items/Medications
- Clothing
- Important Family Documents
- Pet Items
- Games/Deck of Cards
- List of important numbers



Shelter in Place

- May be short term- Tornado passing
- May be long term- Power failure/Ice Storm or Hazardous materials

Evacuation

- Take your emergency preparedness kit
- Take shelter with friend or family outside of the affected area
- Shelters-located in Community Centres
- Turn off power, water if possible
- Make arrangements for pets
- Leave a note if time permits

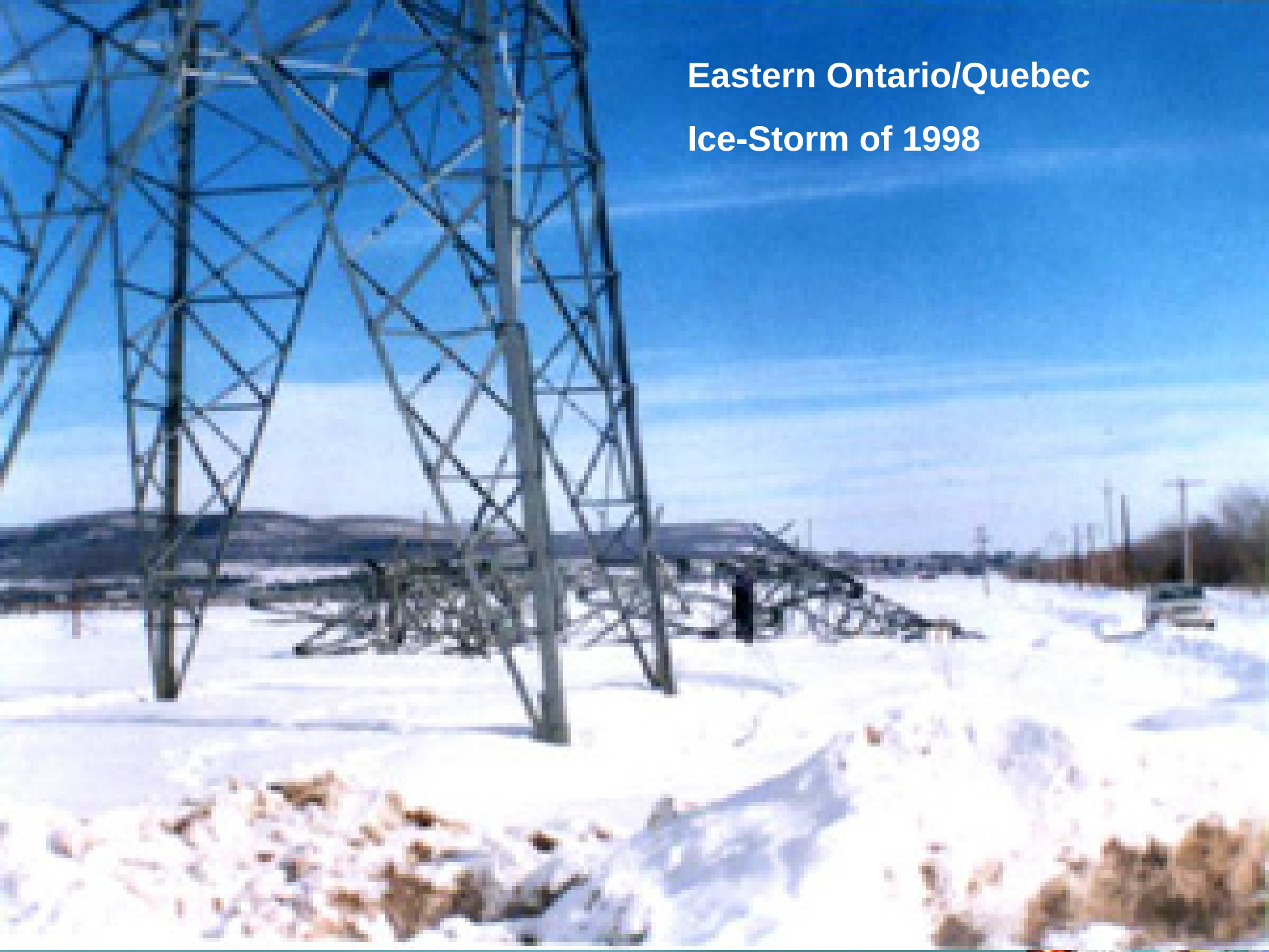




Expect the Unexpected !



**Eastern Ontario/Quebec
Ice-Storm of 1998**



Peterborough Flood July 15, 2004



Peterborough Flood July 15, 2004





Severn Township April 13, 2008

Toronto August 19, 2005



*Finch Avenue
During and After
the Storm*



City of Vaughan, August 19, 2005



***Woodbine Avenue April 23, 2007
Following a Micro-Burst***

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A satellite image of a hurricane, showing a distinct eye and spiral cloud bands. The image is overlaid with a grid of orange lines. Latitude markers '28N' and '24N' are visible on the left side, and longitude markers '84W' and '80W' are visible on the right side.

QUESTIONS ?

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