

## **Emergency Planning for Your Family Town of Carleton Place**

This article is the second part of our continuation of the Emergency Planning for Your Family Information Series. Refer to our earlier message on the Five Steps to Help Prepare Your Family prior to an emergency.

### **DURING ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION:**

When disaster strikes, people usually react in a calm and reasonable manner. To help protect yourself and others around you in an emergency situation, responding responsibly requires good common sense.

Here are some helpful reminders to keep you on track.

- ❖ Follow the advice of local emergency officials.
- ❖ Listen to your radio or television for news and instructions.
- ❖ If the disaster occurs near you, check for injuries-yourself and others. Give first aid and get help for anyone seriously injured.
- ❖ If the emergency occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage using a flashlight. **Do not light matches or candles or turn on electrical switches.** Check for fires and other hazards.
- ❖ Sniff for gas leaks. If you smell gas, get everyone outside quickly.
- ❖ If possible, shut off any utilities but ensure your own safety first.
- ❖ Confine or secure your pets
- ❖ Check with your neighbours, especially those who are elderly or disabled.

### **EVACUATION:**

If local authorities ask you to leave your home, they have a good reason to make this request. Please listen to their advice. Please also turn on your radio or television and follow the instructions of local emergency officials, keeping these simple tips in mind.

- ❖ Wear long sleeved shirts, pants and sturdy shoes to protect yourself.
- ❖ Take your 72 hour emergency kit with you.
- ❖ Lock your home.

- ❖ Take a cell phone, if you have one.
- ❖ Collect family members or go to the place designated in your family plan.
- ❖ Use travel routes if specified by local authorities
- ❖ Stay away from downed power lines
- ❖ If you attend the local evacuation centre, be sure to register.  
(Carleton Place Community Centre at 75 Neelin Street in Carleton Place)
- ❖ Contact your out of town contact.
- ❖ Ensure your pet or pets are safely sent to your pre-arranged locations.

Information and brochures on emergency preparedness can also be obtained from the Clerk's Office, located at the Town Hall, 175 Bridge Street, Carleton Place, Ontario, 257-6211 or at the Carleton Place Public Library.

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