



SAFE BUILDINGS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Safe Buildings, also referred to as Reception Centres are facilities / locations set up by local Emergency Support Services, in cooperation with the local authority to provide temporary support and safe gathering places for residents who are displaced / required to evacuate their homes as a result of being impacted by a disaster. They provide short-term services for individuals and families affected by disasters, for example information about the disaster, basic needs, and help plan their recovery and next steps following a disaster.

ABBOTSFORD

The sites for Abbotsford are pre-identified as part of their pre-planning, however are not publicized in advance and only designated as the emergency or disaster unfolds. The city officials would communicate the facilities identified and opened to receive impacted persons.

BURNABY

The pre-identified locations for Burnaby are not publicized or listed publicly.

Following a large-scale emergency or disaster, city officials would communicate the facilities identified and opened to receive impacted persons. This communication could be via an assortment of communication modes, including AM/FM radio or television broadcast of press releases (at the discretion of the media outlet), website notifications (www.burnaby.ca) and social media posts on Facebook (www.facebook.com/cityofburnaby) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/cityofburnaby).

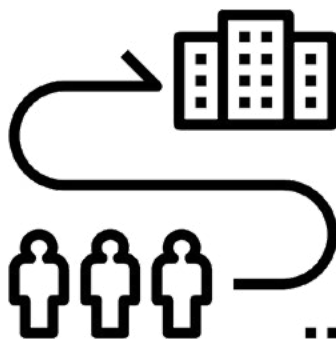
NANAIMO

The City of Nanaimo has predetermined Reception Centres located north to south in the city. The four reception centres for the City of Nanaimo are:

1. **Bowen Park** – 500 Bowen Rd.
2. **Beban Park** – 2300 Bowen Rd.
3. **Oliver Woods** – 6000 Oliver Woods Rd.
(Designated Signing Centre for the Deaf)
4. **Nanaimo Aquatic Centre** – 741 Third St.

RICHMOND

1. **Hamilton Community Centre** – 5140 Smith Dr.
2. **South Arm Community Centre** - 8880 Williams Dr.
3. **West Richmond** – 9180 No. 1 Rd.
4. **Steveston** - 4111 Moncton St.
5. **Thompson** - 5151 Granville Ave.
6. **Cambie** - 4111 Jacombs Rd.
7. **Sea Island Centre** - 7140 Miller Rd.
8. **Library Cultural Centre** - 7700 Minoru Gate



SURREY

Safe buildings are not publicized before the disaster occurs. The city has identified many places of refuge around the city and during a disaster, especially in the event of an earthquake, the public will be directed to the appropriate sites.

CITY OF VANCOUVER

Disaster Support Hubs are located at 25 sites throughout Vancouver to serve as public areas where citizens can gather following an earthquake or other natural disaster(s) to share information and resources.

1. Britannia Community Services Centre – 1661 Napier St.
2. Champlain Heights Community Centre – 3350 Maquinna Dr.
3. Coal Harbour Community Centre – 480 Broughton St.
4. Creekside Community Recreation Centre – 1 Athletes Way
5. Douglas Park Community Centre – 801 West 22nd Ave.
6. Dunbar Community Centre – 4747 Dunbar St.
7. False Creek Community Centre – 1318 Cartwright St.
8. Fraserview Branch – Vancouver Public Library 1950 Argyle Dr.
9. Hastings Community Centre – 3096 East Hastings St.
10. Hillcrest Centre – 4575 Clancy Loranger Way
11. Kensington Community Centre – 5175 Dumfries St.
12. Kerrisdale Community Centre – 5851 West Blvd.
13. Killarney Community Centre – 6260 Killarney St.
14. Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre – 2690 Larch St.
15. Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre – 990 West 59th Ave.
16. Mount Pleasant Community Centre – 1 Kingsway
17. Oppenheimer Park – 400 Powell St.
18. Renfrew Park Community Centre – 2929 East 22nd Ave.
19. Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre 181 Roundhouse Mews
20. Strathcona Community Centre – 601 Keefer St.
21. Sunset Community Centre – 6810 Main St.
22. Thunderbird Community Centre – 2311 Cassiar St.
23. Trout Lake Community Centre – 3360 Victoria Dr.
24. West End Community Centre – 870 Denman St.
25. West Point Grey Community Centre – 4397 West 2nd Ave.



NORTH VANCOUVER

The pre-identified locations for North Vancouver are not publicized or listed publicly. Following a large-scale emergency or disaster, city officials would communicate the facilities identified and opened to receive impacted persons.

VICTORIA

The City of Victoria has agreements in place with neighbourhood associations authorizing the City to use the neighbourhood Centres as ESS facilities (reception centres or group lodging) when necessary. These agreements exist between the City and the Societies who administer the following Community Centres:

1. James Bay New Horizons – 234 Menzies St.
2. James Bay Community Centre - 2A9, 140 Oswego St.
3. Fairfield Community Centre – 1341 Thurlow Rd.
4. Cook Street Village Activity Centre - 380 Cook St #1
5. Victoria Silver Threads
6. Fernwood Community Centre - 1240 Gladstone Ave.
7. Oaklands Community Centre - 2827 Belmont Ave #1
8. Quadra Village Community Centre - 901 Kings Rd.
9. Burnside Gorge Community Centre - 471 Cecelia Rd.
10. Victoria West Community Centre - 521 Craigflower Rd.

Informal agreements exist with Christ Church Cathedral and school, The Cridge Centre for the Family, Crystal Pool, James Bay United Church, Latter Day Saints Church, Trafalgar/Pro Patria Legion and The Tai Chi Centre.

TO LEARN MORE

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EVACUATION TIPS:

1. Be patient and remain calm
2. Tune into your local radio station or news channel to find out when and where Safe Buildings have opened
3. Take note of disaster response routes designated for use by emergency personnel - the public will not be allowed to travel on these during a disaster
4. Research travel options to Safe Buildings - shortest distance to safety
5. Incorporate closest pre-determined Safe Buildings into your Family Emergency / Evacuation Plan. Identify primary evacuation routes from multiple locations (i.e., offices, home, schools)



ACT NOW!

- [Know the risks in your city](#)
- [Make a Family Emergency Plan](#)
- [Get an Emergency Preparedness Kit](#)
- Learn about your Municipality's Emergency Management Plans to protect yourselves and your families in the event of a disaster
- Stay informed - download smartphone apps (i.e., [Quakefeed App](#), [Be Ready App](#))
- Ensure property insurance coverage is up to date
- [Secure heavy items and hanging objects](#)
- [Practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold on!"](#)