



# SAFE BUILDINGS ONTARIO

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.

Stay informed during an emergency by monitoring local radio, television and social media.

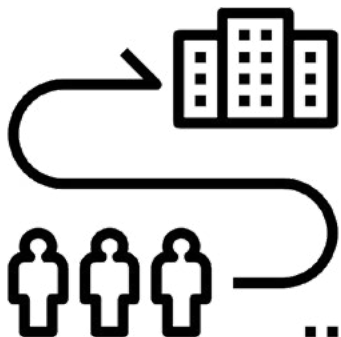
## DURHAM REGION

Reception Centres are not publicly listed ahead of time for the Durham Region. The facilities / location(s) are identified and communicated once a disaster unfolds.

### Stay Informed!



[Click here for the Durham Region's Emergency Master Plan](#)

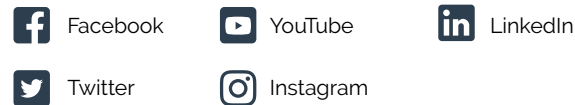


## HALTON REGION

The Halton Region has identified one Emergency Evacuation Centre in each Halton-area Municipality. The locations are as follows:

1. Haber Community Centre – 3040 Tim Dobbie Drive, Burlington
2. Gellert Community Centre – 10241 Eighth Line, Halton Hills
3. Milton Sports Centre – 605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton
4. Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre – 2302 Bridge Road, Oakville

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[Click here for the Halton Region's Emergency Program and Plan](#)

## NIAGARA REGION

Reception Centres are not publicly listed ahead of time for the Niagara Region. The facilities / location(s) are identified and communicated once a disaster unfolds.

### Stay Informed!

During an emergency, listen to your radio for information and instructions from authorities. Local stations include:

- CKTB 610 AM
- EZ Rock 105.7
- Giant FM 91.7
- 97.7 HTZ FM
- 105.1 Ed FM

Local television stations include:

- Cogeco
- CHCH TV

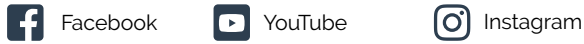


[Click here for the Niagara Region's Emergency Management Plan](#)

## PEEL REGION

Reception Centres are not publicly listed ahead of time for the Peel Region. The facilities / location(s) are identified and communicated once a disaster unfolds.

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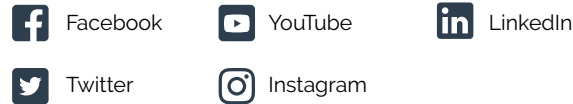


[Click here for the Region of Peel's Emergency Plan](#)

## YORK REGION

Reception Centres are not publicly listed ahead of time for the York Region. Upon activation of Emergency Social Services (ESS), and when a Reception Centre is required, the local municipality will use their emergency site surveys to identify the appropriate municipal facilities to be opened as Reception Centres, in coordination with the Region. The opening of reception centres will depend heavily on the type, magnitude and location of the specific emergency/disaster.

### Stay Informed!



[Click here for the Regional Municipality of York's Emergency Plan](#)

## WATERLOO REGION

Reception Centres are not publicly listed ahead of time for the Waterloo Region. The facilities / location(s) are identified and communicated once a disaster unfolds.

### Stay Informed!



[Sign up for Alert Waterloo Region](#)

[Click here for the Region of Waterloo's Emergency Response Plan](#)



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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!"](#)