

Emergency Preparedness for Vacation Rental Owners and Guests:

Your visitors may not know where to go, who to contact or what to do if there is an emergency while they are on Hornby. It is good practice to have both an emergency kit and/or 'grab and go bag' as well as easy to find information about emergency procedures and locations on Hornby.

We have worked with the Hornby Island Residents and Ratepayers Association, Emergency Preparedness Committee (HIRRA EPC) to develop this guide to support you in ensuring your guests can be prepared if an emergency happens.

To do this we suggest that you have an 'In An Emergency' section in the guide you provide to your Guests. It can include:

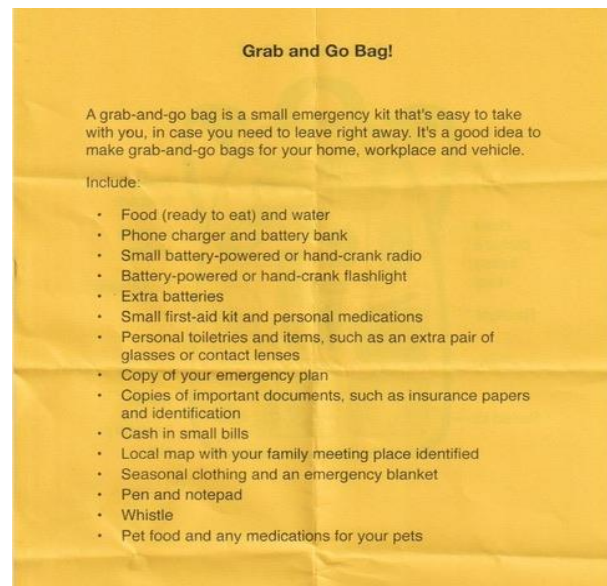
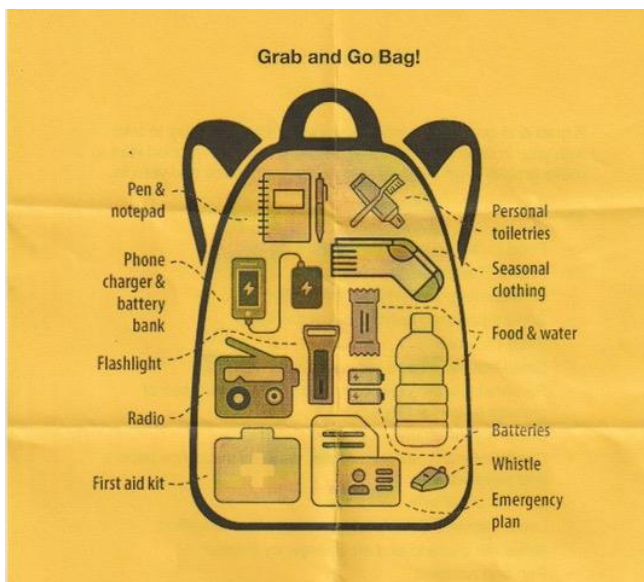
1. The location and contents of the emergency kit and go bag for the house.

The government of BC has a guide to help you decide what should be in the kit here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/build-an-emergency-kit-and-grab-and-go-bag>



It may also be useful to inform guests they should have their own 'go bag' with items for their unique specific needs (personal medications, pet food, etc.) in case of an emergency requires them to leave in an emergency.



2. Where local information will be broadcast (local Hornby radio CFHR 96.5 FM and/or CBC 690 AM or 92.5 FM)
3. How to sign up for emergency notifications from the Comox Valley Regional District: <https://comoxvalley.connectrocket.com/>
4. Reminders that there are **first responders for 911 emergencies ONLY** and non-life threatening medical issues require a trip to the emergency room in Comox.



Along with this you may also want to ensure you have:

1. A well-stocked first aid kit both in the house and in a 'grab and go' bag/emergency kit
2. Water filtration tools (like LifeStraw's, water purification tablets or other portable filters)
3. Fire extinguishers in the kitchen and with any propane appliances (such as BBQ's and heaters)
4. A list of who to call in the event of an emergency, and where to get supplies. Ensure the following emergency and local service information, as well as your contact information is readily visible.

Display prominently the address for the house, and local contact person for the accommodation:

- Ambulance, Fire, RCMP **Emergency Only** – Dial 911
 - Non-emergency Fire Department – 250-335-2611
 - Fire Patrol – 250-703-1792
 - Non-emergency medical advice – 811
 - Recycling Depot – 250-335-0550
 - Hornby Island Co-op – 250-335-1121
 - Ford's Cove General Store – 250-335-2169
5. You can assess your property for wildfire risk – this manual provides suggestions: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/prevention/prevention-home-community/bcws_homeowner_firesmart_manual.pdf



You may want to have your home assessed by the Fire Chief, Doug Chinnery. He will review your home and property and provide guidance and advice to help prevent a wildfire from spreading to your house.

Doug Chinnery, our Fire Chief is happy to carry out these FireSmart assessments; spring is a good time before his work becomes more involved with the summer season; feel free to contact him at the non-emergency number for the Fire Hall: 250.335.2611