

To: All Staff

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RE: Emergency Preparedness Week – May 7-13, 2023

Emergency Preparedness Week has been a national awareness event for over twenty-five years. This year, it's being acknowledged on May 7-13, 2023 with the theme "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks". Emergency Preparedness week hopes to encourage us all to understand the risks in our area and learn what actions we can take to protect ourselves, our families, our colleagues and our community.

At Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (the Hospital), we have response procedures for each emergency code captured in policy. Some of these emergency codes (e.g. Code Green), require detailed response area specific plans. Be #ReadyforAnything by annually reviewing emergency code policies and your departmental sub-plans. All emergency code policies are located:

- On the iNtranet: <http://informed.tbrhsc.net/corporate-info/emergency-codes>
- Departmental Emergency Code binders

We all have a role to play in an emergency. Preparing ahead of time at home will also save time and stress during emergencies. Follow the steps below to:

- [Make a plan](#): Include actions that will help you stay safe before, during and after an emergency event.
- [Build a kit](#): Gather supplies for you to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in the event of an emergency (e.g., loss of power).
- [Stay informed](#): Follow local authorities for up-to-date information and instructions (please refer to the City's emergency preparedness [site](#)).

For more information, view the following [message](#) on iNformed or reach out to Mēsha Richard, Lead, Emergency Preparedness (ext. 6552 or mesha.richard@tbh.net)

From monthly fire drills, to participating in mock codes, to debriefing after incidents, I want to thank everyone for your ongoing dedication to emergency preparedness at the Hospital. I'd also like to encourage you to continue to take actions throughout the year to help us all be more prepared.