

CANADIAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

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This check sheet provides an overview of the primary ministries, agencies, legislation, and regulations involved in Canadian emergency management. This is intended to help researchers identify the relevant institutions and laws for different jurisdictions and types of emergencies.

It is important to note that ministry names change periodically with the election of new governments. The names of the legislation also periodically change when repealed and replaced with new legislation.

	General Emergency Management	Wildfire	Other
Canada	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Public Safety</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Department of Emergency Management, Government Operations Centre</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Management Act</i>, SC 2007, c 15</p>	<p><u>Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre:</u> Partnership between federal and provincial/ territorial governments for coordinating wildfire responses.</p> <p><u>Canadian Forest Service:</u> Conducts research on and provides current information about wildfires through the Canadian Wildland Fire Information System.</p>	<p><u>Flooding:</u> Environment Canada advises on major hydro-meteorological events, which could include floods. The Canadian Centre for Remote Sensing monitors flooding and provides information to emergency responders.</p> <p><u>General:</u> The Canadian Hazards Information Service provides information on events like earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, etc. and the response to them.</p>
Alberta	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Municipal Affairs</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Alberta Emergency Management Agency</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Management Act</i>, RSA 2000, c E-6.8</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Government Emergency Management Regulation</i>, Alta Reg 248/2007; <i>Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation</i>, Alta Reg 203/2018</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Agriculture and Forestry</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Wildfire Alberta</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Forest and Prairie Protection Act</i>, RSA 2000, c F-19</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Forest and Prairie Protection Regulation</i>, Alta Reg 60/2017</p>	<p><u>Flooding:</u> Flood Recovery Task Force assists with the intermediate recovery period.</p>

<p>British Columbia</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Public Safety and Solicitor General</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Management BC</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Program Act</i>, RSBC 1996, c 111</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Emergency Program Management Regulation</i>, BC Reg 447/1994; <i>Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation</i>, BC Reg 381/1995</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> BC Wildfire Service</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Wildfire Act</i>, SBC 2004, c 31</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Wildfire Regulation</i>, BC Reg 38/2005</p>	<p><u>Flooding:</u> Ministry of Transportation and Highways coordinates government response, but the Ministry of Forests manages flood hazard land use.</p> <p><u>Earthquake:</u> Ministry of Attorney General coordinates government response, but Emergency Management BC is the primary agency.</p>
<p>Manitoba</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Infrastructure</p> <p>(Note: Lieutenant Governor in Council retains most general oversight of provincial emergency management)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Measures Act</i>, CCSM c E80</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Local Authorities Emergency Planning and Preparedness Regulations</i>, Man Reg 159/2016</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Conservation and Climate</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Manitoba Sustainable Development Wildfire Program</p>	
<p>New Brunswick</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Public Safety</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Measures Act</i>, RSNB 2011, c 147</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Emergency Planning for the Continuity of the Government of New Brunswick Regulation - Emergency Measures Act</i>, NB Reg 1984-7; <i>Disaster Assistance to Municipalities Regulation - Emergency Measures Act</i>, NB Reg 1983-71</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Natural Resources and Energy Development</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> N/A, directly overseen by the ministry</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Forest Fires Act</i>, SNB 2014, c 110</p>	<p><u>Flooding:</u> Ministry of Environment and Local Government, Ministry of Public Safety, and Service New Brunswick cooperate to manage a flooding watch program.</p> <p><u>General:</u> Emergency Measures Organization responds to anything that doesn't fall into the mandate of another ministry or the federal government.</p>
<p>Newfoundland and Labrador</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Municipal Affairs and the Environment</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Department of Fire, Emergency and Corporate Services, Emergency Operations Centre</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Services Act</i>, SNL 2008, c E-9.1</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Fisheries and Land Resources</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> N/A, directly operated by the ministry</p>	<p><u>Flooding:</u> Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Environment is responsible for flood planning, mapping, and investigations, as well as general water issues and pollution.</p>



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Northwest Territories	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Public Safety, Department of Municipal and Community Affairs</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Management Act</i>, SNWT 2018, c 17</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Environment and Natural Resources</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Forest Management Division, directly overseen by the ministry</p>	
Nova Scotia	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Municipal Affairs and Housing</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Management Act</i>, SNS 1990, c 8</p> <p><u>Regulations:</u> <i>Civil Emergency Planning Regulations</i>, NS Reg 82/2003</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Lands and Forestry</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> N/A, directly overseen by the ministry</p>	<p><u>General:</u> Emergency Measures Organization has to create a response plan for anything that doesn't fall into the jurisdiction of another ministry.</p>
Nunavut	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Community and Government Services</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Measures Act</i>, SNU 2007, c 10</p>		
Ontario	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Solicitor General</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</i>, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Natural Resources and Forestry</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services, directly overseen by the ministry</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Forest Fire Prevention Act</i>, RSO 1990, c F.24</p>	<p><u>Flooding:</u> Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is responsible for floods, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is responsible for water quality emergencies.</p> <p><u>General:</u> Solicitor General, through Emergency Management Ontario, is responsible for everything that's not assigned to another ministry.</p>
Prince Edward Island	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Justice and Public Safety</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Emergency Measures Act</i>, RSPEI 1988, c E-6.1</p>	<p><u>Ministry:</u> Environment, Water and Climate Change</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> N/A, directly overseen by the ministry</p> <p><u>Legislation:</u> <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, REPEI 1988, c F-11</p>	



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Quebec	<u>Ministry:</u> Public Security <u>Agency:</u> N/A <u>Legislation:</u> <i>Civil Protection Act</i> , CQLR c S-2.3	<u>Agency:</u> Société de protection de forêts contre le feu (Note: This is a non-profit organization and does not appear to be directly overseen by the provincial government.)	
Saskatchewan	<u>Ministry:</u> Government Relations <u>Agency:</u> Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency <u>Legislation:</u> <i>The Emergency Planning Act</i> , SS 1989-90, c E-8.1; <i>The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Act</i> , SS 2019, c S-32.4	<u>Ministry:</u> Environment <u>Agency:</u> N/A, operated directly through the ministry.	<u>Flooding:</u> Some support for emergency mitigation through the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency.
Yukon	<u>Ministry:</u> Community Services <u>Agency:</u> Emergency Measures Organization <u>Legislation:</u> <i>Civil Emergency Measures Act</i> , RSY 2002, c 34	<u>Ministry:</u> Community Services <u>Agency:</u> Wildland Fire Management	

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