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## **Kativik Regional Government and Nunavik municipalities join forces to highlight emergency preparedness for Civil Security Week**

**Kuujuaq, Quebec, May 3, 2026** — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is coordinating efforts with municipalities throughout Nunavik to recognize Civil Security Week, and the importance of municipal and personal preparedness for emergencies.

Under the guidance of the Civil Security Department, the KRG and Nunavik municipalities are organizing awareness events from May 3-9, 2026.

Civil security is a shared responsibility among residents, municipalities, and our regional and provincial governments. The theme of this year's Civil Security Week is: **In your home, in your community: let's work together for everyone's safety.**

Civil Security Week, or Emergency Preparedness Week, reminds Nunavimmiut to be more aware of potential environmental and community hazards; to plan and prepare for local and personal emergencies; and to take preventative steps to protect themselves, their families and their homes.

During the week, the KRG is rolling out video testimonials from municipal leaders and local emergency coordinators. We also highlight personal emergency planning to remind residents of how to safely ride out severe weather events, and to have 72-hour personal emergency kits for circumstances like extended extreme weather and power outages.

### **Your municipal emergency safety team**

Each Nunavik municipality has a safety leadership team in place to help residents through a personal or community emergency.

- Mayor and Council

The mayor is the leading emergency authority of the municipality, and is supported by the municipal council and Local Emergency Coordinator (LEC). The mayor oversees the implementation of the Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan (MEPP), and ensures the means and procedures are in place for mobilizing warnings, resources and rescue services.

- Local Emergency Coordinator

The LEC, usually the Town Manager, coordinates the municipal response to emergencies, completes ongoing risk assessments, and installs prevention and preparedness measures. The LEC also guides the development and implementation of the MEPP, and coordinates the mobilization of the Local Emergency Response Team (LERT) in an emergency.

- Fire Chief

The municipal Fire Chief develops, adapts and implements firefighting policies and procedures, in partnership with the KRG Civil Security Department. The Fire Chief works closely with the LEC to develop and operationalize the MEPP. The Chief is the on-site incident commander during community emergencies; linking with the LEC to manage the emergency response, secure safety areas, and coordinate deployment of resources.

### **Preparing a 72-hour personal emergency kit**

Civil Security Week also raises awareness of how we should think about and respond to environmental risks, as well as plan ahead so that emergencies carry lower risk of severe personal and family injury.

For example, assembling a [72-hour emergency kit](#) for your home, and developing a family emergency plan are vital tools for prioritizing safety and protection. For Nunavik residents, this means:

- Making sure your emergency kit contains sufficient items and supplies (for example, non-perishable food, medication, and water supplies) so that every person in the home can be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of a disaster
- Developing a family emergency plan including practicing home evacuation, agreeing on a safe meeting place, and making a list of people to contact in case of emergency
- Becoming familiar with the information that your municipality has on community safety and emergency planning, and taking steps to prepare for a disaster; for example, by checking weather reports and alerts
- Before heading out on the land or water, make sure to **“let people know where you go!”**

### **Quotations:**

"The KRG is proud to support Civil Security Week, and I would like to acknowledge and to thank the Nunavik municipalities for supporting this important effort. I urge every resident of Nunavik to take steps to plan for emergencies, and to talk with emergency responders in their community on how to plan for the safety and protection of themselves and their families."

- Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson

“The KRG has been a champion of emergency preparedness in Nunavik for over 25 years. We hope everyone takes precious time to speak with their Local Emergency Coordinator. Become more informed and better prepared for severe weather, natural disasters, and in-home calamities. And, prepare a life-saving emergency kit and home emergency evacuation plan. These are critical steps that improve the best possible emergency outcomes for everyone.”

- Craig Lingard, Director, KRG Civil Security

### **Related links**

[Prepare an Emergency Kit and a Household Evacuation Plan](#)

To learn more about KRG Civil Security’s activities during Civil Security Week, visit the KRG website at [krg.ca](http://krg.ca), and follow us on social media.

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