



Kativik Regional Government and Nunavik municipalities highlight personal emergency planning for Civil Security Week

Kuujuuaq, Quebec, May 4, 2025 — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is joining forces with municipalities throughout Nunavik to highlight Civil Security Week and the importance of municipal and personal preparedness for emergencies.

In your home, In your community: Know the risks and plan for an emergency

As elsewhere in Québec and across Canada, the KRG and Nunavik municipalities are organizing awareness events from May 4-10. In Nunavik, Civil Security Week is coordinated by the KRG Department of Civil Security.

Civil Security Week (also known as Emergency Preparedness Week) reminds Nunavimmiut to appreciate potential environmental and community hazards; to plan and prepare for local and personal emergencies; and to learn what preventative actions to take to protect themselves, their families and their homes.

During the week, KRG Civil Security is rolling out video testimonials from municipal leaders and local safety and search-and-rescue personnel. 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 the Local Emergency Coordinator. She (He) oversees the development and 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 (LEC)

The LEC, usually the Town Manager, coordinates the municipal response to emergencies, completes ongoing risk assessments, and installs prevention and preparedness measures.

- Fire Chief

The municipal Fire Chief develops, adapts and implements firefighting policies and procedures, in partnership with the KRG Civil Security Department. She (He) works closely with the Council to develop and operationalize the MEPP. The chief is usually the on-site incident commander during community emergencies; marshaling resources, securing safety areas, and directing response.

Preparing a 72-hour personal emergency kit

Civil Security Week also raises awareness of the importance of thinking about and responding to environmental risks, and planning ahead so 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 the 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 am grateful for the support that Nunavik municipalities are extending to this important effort. I urge Nunavimmiut to take steps now to plan for emergencies and to talk with emergency responders in their community on how to plan for their personal safety and the protection of their families."

- Hilda Snowball, 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 emergency responders in their community to become more informed and better prepared for severe weather and natural disasters, as well as residential calamities that could affect personal health and wellbeing. Having an emergency kit that provides sustenance and comfort for at least 72 hours, and a home emergency evacuation plan, are critical steps to take to 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, and follow us on social media.

The Kativik Regional Government delivers comprehensive public services to Nunavimmiut under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (1975). KRG is governed by a 17-member Council of elected municipal representatives from 14 northern communities in Nunavik, an elected Chair and Vice-Chair, and the chief of the Naskapi First Nation of Kawawachikamach.

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