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## Important Information in Case of an Emergency

### 1. Introduction:

This flyer informs about possible emergency situations that may occur in the Consular district of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver.

Our geographic location encompasses an area that can be susceptible to risks such as tsunami, earthquake, flooding, forest fires, avalanche, and tornados.

This Consulate General only has limited capabilities to assist during an emergency situation. It is therefore, important for each person to be aware of possible dangers/hazards and to take individual precautionary measures to prepare themselves and their families for such emergency situations, and to adhere to the guidance and recommendations of their local authorities.

### 2. Precaution Measures

The Canadian and Provincial authorities periodically offer updated information as well as emergency preparedness courses in the community. The following links will provide you with more information in this regard:

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| ➤ <b>Federal level :</b> <a href="#">Public safety</a>   | ➤ <a href="#">North Shore</a>          |
| ➤ <b>Provincial level :</b> <a href="#">BC</a> , <a href="#">AB</a> , <a href="#">YK</a> , <a href="#">NT</a> , <a href="#">SK</a> | ➤ <a href="#">Tsunami alarm system</a> |

The Government of Canada also has a series of pamphlets available (such as “Your emergency preparedness guide” and “Earthquakes: what to do”) in a variety of languages, which can be viewed and printed online. This Consulate General recommends that you keep up to date with the information provided here and that you consult this valuable source of information on a regular basis. The link to access the information is:

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/index-eng.aspx>

### 3. Conduct after an emergency:

- General: Keep informed and up to date about the situation via TV, radio, or internet.
- Relatives: Contact relatives in Switzerland if possible, and inform them of your status.
- Consulate General of Switzerland: Inform your Consulate of your condition and situation, particularly if you cannot contact your relatives in Switzerland.
- Local Authority: Follow all instructions from local authorities without any hesitation or delay.