



# Media Release

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## RDCK Emergency Notification System Test Emergency Preparedness Week May 7-13

Nelson, BC: In recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week (May 7-13), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will be conducting its annual **TEST** of the Emergency Notification System on **Tuesday, May 9 at 11:00 am**. Anyone registered with the [RDCK's Emergency Notification System](#), will receive a **TEST** notification via mobile phone (text), email, landline call, or Voyent Alert! app, depending on which option you chose when you signed up.

Emergency Preparedness Week, a national awareness initiative that has taken place every year since 1996, is an opportunity to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency.

If you are new to the area, or have not yet signed up for emergency notifications, [now is the time to sign up](#). To ensure you receive important emergency information relevant to your location it is imperative residents update their account with the most accurate location information. Please take this opportunity to [login to the system](#) and double check your details.

“Be prepared and know your risks,” said Stephane Coutu, RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator. “We encourage all residents throughout the RDCK to understand the risks in their area and get prepared with signing up for our emergency notification system, updating their emergency plans and preparing their grab and go kits.”

Everyone has a role to play during an emergency, and Emergency Preparedness Week is a great opportunity for residents to take action and get prepared:

- [Register now](#) to receive RDCK Emergency Notifications or [login](#) to update your set locations
- Get a “[grab an go](#)” kit
- Make your [emergency plan](#)
- Plan for your [pets](#)
- [Plan for where you will go if you need to evacuate](#)
- [Learn more](#) about emergency preparedness

The City of Nelson, which also uses Voyent Alert! as their Emergency Notification System, will be running a **TEST** the same day.

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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