



# Temporary Access Guidelines

Temporary Access Permits (TAP) are restricted to the following:

- Critical Infrastructure or utility agencies may require access in order to service (ie. refuel, inspect) or make repairs to affected critical equipment and sites;
- Members of the agriculture sector may need to make essential repairs to fencing, evacuate or check on livestock condition and care as required
- Community members may request access so they can retrieve important medication, tend to their domestic animals

Evaluation of TAP are on a case-by-case basis and can **only be approved if wildfire conditions permit and only if the reasons for entry meet the above categories.**

Applicants must complete all compulsory fields in the [online application form](#) or by providing the information to Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) information line staff.

Applications must be received at least 24 hours prior to the intended date of entry by 9:00 am.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by 5:00 pm prior to the intended date of entry.

Temporary Access Permits **can be revoked at anytime** if wildfire conditions worsen.

All permitted entrants will be escorted to their designated address until they leave the order area.

No one under the age of 19 years old will be permitted entry into the evacuation order zone.

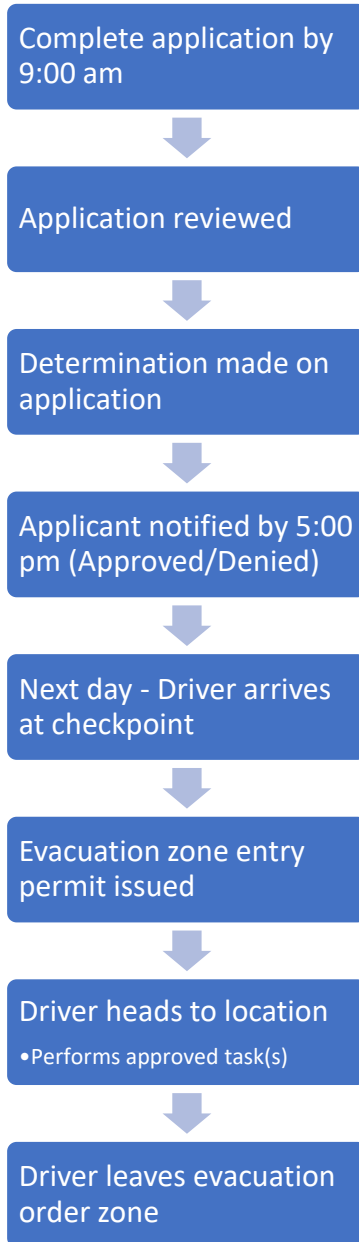
Details must be provided on the purpose for entry and the route to be taken to the destination. The intended location must also be indicated.

Evacuation entry zone permits will be issued at the entry checkpoint after the TAP is approved.

Entry into the evacuation order zone will only occur when deemed safe by the RDCK EOC and BC Wildfire Service. In general, this is expected to occur in the morning.

The driver indicated on the TAP must present their driver's license at the entry checkpoint for confirmation. The evacuation zone entry permit **must be signed or entry will be revoked.**

# Temporary Access Permit Application Process



# Frequently asked questions

## **Do I need an entry permit to enter an evacuation alert zone?**

No, an entry permit is not required to enter an evacuation alert zone. An entry permit is required to enter an **evacuation order zone**.

## **What qualifies an individual for a temporary access permit?**

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## **What are activities that address life safety concerns?**

This involves actions to prevent risk to immediate loss of life

## **Can I stay at my home once I re-enter the evacuation order zone?**

No, an evacuation zone entry permit only allows temporary entry into the evacuation order zone to only perform the approved tasks and leave. You are not permitted to remain permanently within an evacuation order zone with an evacuation zone entry permit.

## **What do I do if I am told to leave the evacuation order zone prior to completing what I came to do?**

You must leave the evacuation order zone immediately.

## **Why can the entry permit be revoked after I am approved?**

Entry is only permitted when conditions allow for temporary entry into the evacuation order zone. If conditions worsen and an unacceptable risk to life becomes apparent then entry will be revoked to permit holders.

## **Can I get a permit that lasts more than one day?**

No, evacuation order zone entry permits are only valid for the date approved. If you require entry on another day then a new application will need to be submitted.

**What is the difference between the temporary access permit and the evacuation zone entry permit?**

The temporary access permit is the application form that is completed to obtain an evacuation zone entry permit. The evacuation zone entry permit will be provided to approved applicants at the entry checkpoint.

**Can I obtain an evacuation zone entry permit at the checkpoint of entry without using the temporary access permit application?**

No, evacuation zone entry permits will only be provided to approved applicants who have completed the temporary access permit application form.

**How can I apply for an evacuation zone entry permit?**

By completing the online temporary access permit application or by calling our information line on 250 352 7701.

**Do I need an escort?**

Yes, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), or designate, will escort permit holders in and out of the evacuation order zone.

**If I am within the evacuation order zone, can I have someone meet me at the checkpoint and hand me items across the checkpoint?**

No. You are not permitted to freely wander within an evacuation order area.