



# Media Release

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## RDCK Emergency Notification System Test Emergency Preparedness Week May 5 - 11

Nelson, BC: In recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5-11), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will be conducting its annual **TEST** of the Emergency Notification System on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:00 pm**. 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 notification 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, please go to [www.rdck.ca/notifications](http://www.rdck.ca/notifications). To ensure you receive important emergency information relevant to your location, it is imperative that residents update their account with accurate location information. Please take this opportunity to log in to the system and double check your details: [www.rdck.ca/notifications](http://www.rdck.ca/notifications).

“We encourage all RDCK residents to sign up for emergency notification alerts to ensure they are receiving accurate and current information,” said Dan Séguin, RDCK Manager of Community Sustainability. “Now, before an emergency occurs, is the time for all residents to prepare by updating their emergency plans and making grab and go kits for each member of the family.”

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

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

- [Sign up](#) to receive RDCK Emergency Notifications or [login](#) to update your set locations
- Get a “[grab and go](#)” kit
- Make a [home emergency plan](#) with this [handy template](#)
- Plan for your [pets](#)
- [Plan for where you will go if you need to evacuate](#)
- [Learn more](#) about emergency preparedness

*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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