

## NEPP Leader – General Responsibilities

- Gather contact information on people in your neighbourhood.
- Organize neighbourhood NEPP meetings at least once per year.
- Organize training / exercise – with the help of the NEPP Coordinator.
- Bring new neighbors into the program and assist them with any needs.
- Be the representative of your POD with updates & information on safety and emergency preparedness in your area.
- Coordinate with the Emergency Program Coordinator if needed.
- Understand the need for confidentiality within the position.

## NEPP Leader – During an Emergency Responsibilities

- Ensure the safety of your own household/family
- Coordinate contact with all members of your NEPP
- Establish communication and report any urgent situations that may exist.
- Ensure shelter & first aid areas have been established
- Initiate home assessment protocols

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING INVOLVED IN A NEPP IN YOUR AREA OR ON BECOMING A NEPP LEADER**

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# District of Metchosin NEIGHBOURHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (NEPP)

Commonly referred to the POD Program here in Metchosin





## What is a Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)?

NEPP is a program to organize and educate communities to increase their level of preparedness to handle all types of emergencies and is designed to engage and mobilize community teams.

On any day, a serious disaster could strike. It could be an earthquake, tsunami, wildfire, hazardous materials accident, or severe weather event. It makes sense to invest NOW in preparing for the day that a disaster strikes home. It is important to recognize that emergency services & first responders will be busier than usual after a disaster and it may be days before individuals receive assistance.

The standard wait time is 72-hours, but may be longer after a significant disaster. People may have to rely on themselves and their neighbours for support. It is in this spirit of unity and neighbour-helping-neighbour that communities are encouraged to become involved in preparedness activities. NEPP has been created to assist neighbours in becoming more resilient and self-sustaining.

***Mission: To support our Community in becoming self-sufficient and self supporting in times of disaster or local emergency.***



### Benefits of NEPP

- First line of defense
- Won't have to go it alone
- Strength in numbers
- Diverse skills & resources
- Team environment
- Insurance discounts
- Social advantages

### Neighbourhood Setup

- Collect contact information
- Identify fragile members
- Identify known hazards
- Identify local resources
- Identify area safety zones
- Establish communication methods
- Obtain training

### Training Opportunities

- First Aid
- Rapid Damage Assessment
- Chainsaw Safety
- Utility Safety (Hydro/Gas)
- Home Safety Inspections
- FireSmart Reviews
- Emergency Preparedness Workshops

### NEPP Response Sequence

- Report status – once safe
- Account for missing
- Assess resources
- Establish communications
- Rapid Damage Assess
- Home Safety Inspections
- Establish First Aid Area
- Establish Shelter Area



Experience from past disasters shows that even though people want to help each other after a disaster, they frequently don't know what to do. If your neighbourhood is organized beforehand, you will know what to do, allowing you to respond more quickly, calmly, and efficiently.

You will enjoy many benefits from helping your neighbours become organized for disasters.

***One of the greatest of these is peace of mind in knowing that you're not alone after the disaster.***

**In a  
DISASTER,  
your most  
immediate  
SOURCES OF  
HELP  
are the neighbours living  
around you.**