

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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Official Sources of Information for Evacuation Orders

During an emergency it is common for false information and rumors to be shared in social media and between neighbours. For official and correct information visit the official sites for the RDOS online, listed below, or call the Emergency Operations Centre at 250-490-4225. DriveBC and the Interior Health Authority also provide accurate and current information.

If an evacuation is ordered, only first responders such as Police, Fire, Search and Rescue or Local Government Staff, will come to doors. If approached by a member of the public, residents can check official sources before leaving their homes.

If residents see someone acting suspicious in their area they can contact the non-emergency number for their local RCMP detachment.

Residents can lock all doors when leaving but should leave gates unlocked to allow first responders in to protect their property.

Emergency Support Services Reception Centre located at the Penticton Community Centre at 325 Power St is open today from 1 pm to 4 pm. ESS Reception Centre is open for residents under an Evacuation Order, people with severe medical conditions or patients currently under care by Interior Health Authority. All self-evacuated or evacuated persons are asked to register in person, or by phone at 250-490-4225.

Reception Centre hours are subject to change today in the event of evacuations orders.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) official website is www.rdos.bc.ca, on twitter @EmergMgtRDOS and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RegionalDistrictOfOkanaganSimilkameen.

The Emergency Operations Centre and ESS Reception Centre in Penticton can be reached at 250-490-4225.

RDOS Emergency Operations Centre Director

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