

Provincial Emergency Program Endorsement of Six Principles to Advance Emergency Management in British Columbia Schools

The Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) actively encourages and promotes public and private sector initiatives to proactively enhance emergency management in British Columbia. Outlined below are six key principles endorsed by PEP to advance emergency and disaster management in BC schools.

We encourage all public and private schools, school boards, and other members of the British Columbia school community to consider and adopt these principles in advancing safety and emergency preparedness for faculty, staff and students.

Comprehensive	To promote comprehensive emergency management in schools, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparedness initiatives before an event,• Response activities during an event, and• Recovery planning after an event.
Risk-Based	To promote a risk-based approach to school emergency management that encourages each school to identify and understand its unique hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities.
Multi-Hazard	To encourage and facilitate a multi-hazard process within schools to integrate emergency management policies and procedures for identified priority hazards;
Incident Command System	To promote the principles of BCERMS and the Incident Command System within schools and school districts.
Volunteerism	To promote school organization, education and training of volunteers who may have little or no expertise in emergency management.
Community Partnerships	To promote involvement of stakeholders in community partnerships, including public, non-profit, and private enterprises.