



# BC Housing

BC Housing is the provincial crown agency that develops, manages and administers a wide range of subsidized housing options for those most in need across the province.

Our mission is to create the best system of housing and support for vulnerable British Columbians.



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

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### Emergency Social Services

As a member of the BC Emergency Social Services Council (BCESSC), BC Housing is responsible for supporting provincial emergency management and local communities with their emergency accommodation and lodging needs.

When BC Housing is called upon during an emergency or major disaster, they will be assisting provincial partners and local communities in locating appropriate lodging for evacuees and response workers. This assistance could include the allocation of hotel/motel space, acquisition of suitable buildings for group lodging, co-ordination of trained group lodging managers and the procurement of supplies to operate group lodging facilities.

To assist communities in meeting their emergency accommodation needs, BC Housing is:

- **stockpiling cots and blankets throughout the province so that group lodging facilities can be established in existing community buildings.**
- **supporting Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC) Staffing Unit operation through the allocation of hotel/motel accommodation for responders arriving to assist in the affected community.**
- **offering Rapid Damage Assessment Training so that communities have the ability to assess appropriate housing following a major earthquake. (Two types of training are available, one directed towards neighbourhoods and one directed towards facility managers.)**
- **co-ordinating and supporting housing and accommodation related issues at a provincial level.**

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BC Housing's role in emergency services also includes a variety of preparedness, response and recovery programs for public housing, group homes and non-profit housing societies funded by the provincial government.

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For additional information on this or other emergency initiatives, please contact BC Housing.

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