# **Haida Gwaii Alerts**

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It's not about "IF"



Emergencies Happen.

Do you know what's happening?

Register for Free Emergency Alerts

www.epactnetwork.com/haidagwaiialerts

### The 'Why?'

Our communities are isolated, which creates unique challenges in getting information to one other during an emergency. Help from the Province and rest of Canada can be hours, if not days, away from reaching Haida Gwaii, so it is critical that our islands have a unified network so that we can work together in the face of an emergency.

In the event of an emergency (severe weather, power outages, earthquakes, floods, landslides, road closures, water advisory notices), sharing up to date, accurate information is essential for the health and safety of ourselves, our families and our communities.

ePACT Network is our solution.



### The What?'

ePACT is an online emergency network that our communities will use to send out alerts and news updates by telephone, text or email messages to registered contacts in affected communities. ePACT is designed to provide residents with the information and updates you need as quickly as possible so that we can better respond to emergencies-as soon as the local authorities know about it, you know about it.

ePACT is also used to safely collect and store critical information to aid in an emergency, including if families have special requirements. ePACT meets Provincial and Federal privacy legislation, meeting the same standards as online banks, to ensure that your information is safe and secure. Families always own their own accounts and the information stored in them, and you decide when and who to share that information with. Information is never shared without your permission.

# Example Registration Questions:

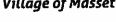
- 1. If an evacuation is required, is there a vehicle available to you/your household? If yes, are you or a member of your household able to drive this vehicle?
- 2. Do you or someone in your household self-identify as a person with a disability or having medical support needs (managing health conditions, required medications, specialized services, or medical devices)?
- 3. Do you have pets or commercial livestock? If yes, do you have a plan in place to evacuate your animals if required?

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### The 'How?'

ePACT is free for families and residents to use. The municipalities you live in pay to use the system so they can better communicate with you in a crisis. This is an island-wide, joint community venture.

#### To Register:

- 1. Go to: epactnetwork.com/haidagwaiialerts
- Fill in your name, email and select the community/communities you would like to receive alerts for in the future.
- You will be sent an email to create an ePACT account and verify your contact details.
- **4.** Follow the instructions to create your account

Once this is done you are part of the system!

We are intending to do an Island-wide trial run of this system with the Province's "Shake Out" on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:19 AM.