

# Community Evacuation Preparedness

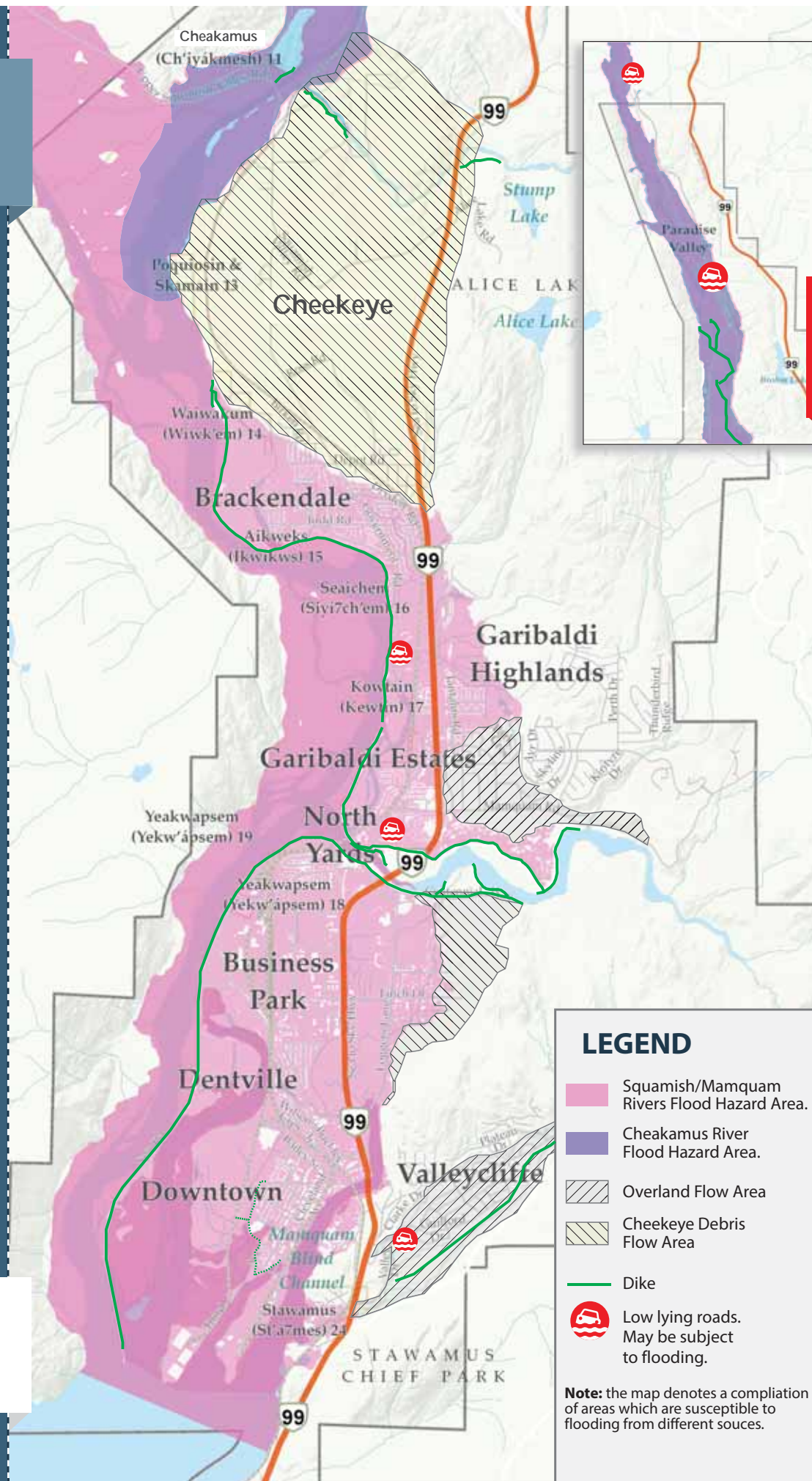
Squamish is located within a dynamic natural environment which is prone to a variety of hazards, one of which is flooding. Knowing about hazards and understanding the hazard risk is the first step in preparing for an emergency.



**In a worst case scenario, if an evacuation is required, instructions will be tailored on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the hazard and which neighbourhoods are affected.**

The map (left) demonstrates the areas of Squamish which are susceptible to flooding from unlikely but possible events like a Cheakamus Dam failure, to more common events like flooding due to major storms. The District of Squamish Emergency Program works with partners BC Hydro, the Squamish Lillooet Regional District and the Squamish Nation to monitor rivers for potential flooding, and warn residents of any imminent concern or if evacuation is required.

The information contained within this document is designed to help residents get informed and think about their own response plan. Detailed hazard information is available on the partner websites identified on this page.



**Know what to do when it matters most. Sign up for emergency alerts and find out fast.**

Emergency notification systems in our region enable important information to be communicated quickly in the event of emergencies. Register for this free service today and know you'll have the up-to-date information you need during an emergency.

When an emergency occurs, telephone, text or email messages will be sent to all registered contacts in the impacted area. The system enables us to provide you with critical information in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, wildfire, floods, debris flows, unexpected road closures, and any other emergency events that could impact you, your family and your community.

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# IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE



## BASIC SAFETY TIPS FOR MAJOR HAZARDS IN SQUAMISH



### FLOOD

- Turn off gas utilities. Instructions available at fortisbc.com.
- **Turn Around, Don't Drown!** Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Move immediately to higher ground or stay on high ground.



### FIRE

- If you see a wildfire call \*5555. Don't assume that someone else has already called.
- You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible.
- You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware.



### DEBRIS FLOW

- Listen for unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together.
- Move away from the path of a landslide or debris flow as quickly as possible.
- Look upstream before crossing a bridge and do not cross the bridge if a mudflow is approaching.



### MAJOR EARTHQUAKE

- Drop! Cover! Hold On!
- After the shaking stops, count to 60. Once it is safe to do so, immediately leave the evacuation area and go to higher ground, in case of subsequent flooding.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

### FIRE • POLICE • AMBULANCE: 9-1-1

District of Squamish:	604.892.5217
Squamish Lillooet Regional District:	604.698.6442
Squamish Nation:	604.815.7116
Health Link:	8-1-1
B.C. Wildfire:	1.888.663.5555 or *5555
Emergency Spill Reporting:	1.877.952.7277
FortisBC:	1.800.663.9911
BC Hydro Power Outage:	1.888.769.3766
BC Hydro Downed Power Line:	9-1-1
Insurance Provider:	

## WHERE TO GO?



### RECEPTION CENTRE:

A Reception Centre is a designated location where you can go following an emergency that can help arrange services like provision of food, clothing, and shelter that you may require. It is also a place where you can register to let authorities know that you have safely evacuated. There are several designated Reception Centre locations within the community of Squamish. It is important to connect with your local authority to find out where the Reception Centre is being set up during a particular emergency.



### NEIGHBOURHOOD HUBS:

A Neighbourhood Hub is a designated gathering point where you can get information and services provided by the District during an emergency. They are also the post-disaster locations where staff and trained volunteers will prioritize getting information and services to the public. Neighbourhood Hubs will be identified and communicated to residents through your local authority in the event of an emergency.