

FIRE/EVACUATION

The fire chief determines whether to call a partial or full evacuation of Piers Island. An alert may or may not precede an order to evacuate.

PARTIAL EVACUATION

What do I do in a partial evacuation?

Follow the chief's instructions as relayed by the Emergency Program.

FULL EVACUATION

How will I know to evacuate the island?

- If registered you will be contacted by the Public Alert Notification System (PANS).
- If you have Alertable set-up for Piers Island, you will receive notification.
- You may hear a continuous siren or a loud hailer alert.
- You may receive an email or Slack message.
- You may see a posting on the Piers Island Website, the SGI Emergency Program Facebook and Twitter sites or you may hear information on CFX 1070.

What should I do?

- Gather family and pets. Bring "grab and go" bag with personal items including cell and charger.

FIRE/EVACUATION cont'd

- Proceed by boat away from Piers Island.
- No boat or dock? Go to nearest Piers dock. Wait for pickup.

Where should I go in a full evacuation?

- Off-island home of self, family or friend OR to a Reception Centre on Saanich Peninsula.
- If you require support (e.g., lodging, food, incidentals) you must apply at the Reception Centre.
- For the location of the Reception Centre check email, Slack, social media websites or the compound for notice.

How do I register as an Evacuee?

- Whether you need support services or not, it is good to register as an evacuee.
- Self-register using BC Services Card app or using a browser to access the government Evacuee Registration and Assistance service (ERA) tool (<https://ess.gov.bc.ca/>)
- Go to the Reception Centre (RC). Once registered, you can receive referrals or e-transfer (if registered with BC Services Card) for food, lodging, clothing and incidentals, as needed

How will I know if authorization has been granted for a return to Piers?

- Websites listed in this brochure
- Reception Centre
- Parking compound for a notice
- Email and/or Slack

EARTHQUAKE/NO EVACUATION

When you feel shaking or get an alert ...
Immediately drop, cover and hold on.

When the shaking stops, wait 60 sec and check around. If after shocks, again drop, cover and hold on.

When conditions permit ...

If your home is severely damaged and unsafe to stay in, or your home is close to sea level

- Take your Grab-and-Go Bags/Kits and evacuate to the area near the water tower

If your home is damaged but safe to stay in (and high enough location)

- Shelter-in-place and use your Home Emergency Kit

The available fire department, first responder and emergency program team members' initial priorities will be to save lives, and assess and triage critical infrastructure. You may be on your own for a while ... so Be Prepared

WATER EMERGENCY

When a water emergency is declared on Piers Island the Emergency Program will contact residents.

Residents may be advised to do one of the following:

STOP DRAWING WATER

- Do not draw any water from the system.
- Turn off water at the road to avoid **accidentally** using water.

BOIL WATER

- Draw water from system but **BOIL** for one minute before consuming.

RESTRICT USE

- Use water sparingly.
- This restriction may or may not be combined with the boil water advisory.
- An outside burning ban as determined by the fire chief will be in effect.

If you discover a water emergency contact the PIID Water System Manager immediately.

Call or text at 778-677-6061

Information Sites:

The following sites may provide information on a local emergency.

Piers Island Website

piersisland.ca



www.facebook.com/SouthernGulfIslandsEmergencyProgram



twitter.com/SGIEmergPrg



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Piers Island Emergency Procedures

What to do in case of:

- power outage
- fire/evacuation
- earthquake/no evac
- water emergency

Call 911 IN CASE OF FIRE OR DOWNED POWER LINE or MEDICAL EMERGENCY

POWER OUTAGE

- Turn on cell phone or plug in corded phone
- Report power outage to B.C. Hydro: 1- 888-769-3766
- For updates check B.C, Hydro website: bchydro.com/power-outages
- Stay 10 meters away from fallen power lines and do not cross over!