



BC Housing

## BC HOUSING PROVINCIAL GROUP LODGING PROGRAM

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BC Housing provides province-wide support to Emergency Social Services (ESS). Our support includes a variety of initiatives to enhance the province's ability to house British Columbians displaced by major emergencies and disasters.

One of these initiatives is the stockpiling of emergency lodging supplies. In recent years, BC Housing has expanded this inventory of supplies to support the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) in various communities throughout B.C.

Typical stockpiles include up to 1,000 blankets and 500 cots. Emergency lodging supplies are stockpiled in the following communities:

- 100 Mile House
- Lower mainland
- Prince Rupert
- Campbell River
- New Denver
- Victoria
- Cranbrook
- Port Alberni
- Whistler
- Kamloops
- Prince George

BC Housing provides guidance and assistance to organizations seeking to source appropriate supplies and developing best practices for maintaining and deploying the stockpiles. In more remote communities that are likely to host group lodging in an emergency, agreements have been initiated to store BC Housing owned supplies where they could be co-located with the group lodging building.

In an emergency, supplies can be accessed through the Emergency Social Services Branch of the Provincial Emergency Program at 1-800-663-3456. If communication systems are not operating during a major disaster, supplies can be accessed through BC Housing's Regional Offices.

For more information on group lodging supplies, please contact the Manager, Security and Emergency Services, at: 604-439-4706 or 1-866-465-6873, local 4706.