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Emergency Preparedness Week – May 1 to 7, 2011

MP for Miramichi Tilly O'Neill Gordon Announces Launch of 16th Annual Emergency Preparedness Week, encouraging Canadians to take practical steps to prepare for emergencies.

Knowing the risks in your region, making emergency plans and getting emergency kits can help reduce the impact of emergencies on families and communities. Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May. This national event is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners.

During Emergency Preparedness Week, activities are organized across Canada to raise awareness of the importance of having an emergency kit; making an emergency plan; and identifying risks in the region. These three simple steps can help Canadians prepare for all types of emergencies.

“Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility among all levels of government,” said Tilly O'Neill Gordon. “But ultimately, emergency preparedness starts at home. Emergencies can strike at any time and anywhere, often with little or no notice. Everyone has a role to play in being better prepared.”

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national campaign coordinated by Public Safety Canada, together with all provinces and territories. First responders (police officers, firefighters, paramedics, etc.), industry, and non-governmental organizations all plan activities for EP Week. It is a collaborative event, supporting activities at the local level.

For more information on how to prepare, visit www.GetPrepared.ca or [Public Safety](http://PublicSafety) of New Brunswick website.

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