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CANADIAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE MANUAL

A Guide to the Law and Practice

This publication is a practical guide to the law of emergency planning, management and response in Canada. Covering each Canadian jurisdiction in detail, this text draws together discussion of the vast and varied array of legislative provisions that apply in different emergency situations, analyses the specific regimes that apply to particular professions (e.g. firefighters, police, emergency medical personnel), and offers general guidelines for institutions and employers on developing an effective and compliant emergency preparedness policy.

This release features updates to part A - Emergency Preparedness Law in Canada, federal legislation and legislation from Alberta, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec..

Highlights

Emergency Preparedness Law in Canada — Canadian Emergency Management Statutes — Manitoba —

Local authorities in Manitoba are defined by legislation to include town, community and municipal councils, and similar regional governance bodies. Local authorities must do the following:

- establish a committee of members of the community to advise the authority on the development of emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans;
- establish and maintain a local emergency response control group;
- appoint a person from the local emergency response control group and prescribe the duties of that person including the preparation and co-ordination of emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans for the local authority;

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- prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit them to the co-ordinator for approval and co-ordination with other emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans; and
- implement its emergency preparedness programs.

Emergency Preparedness Law in Canada — Canadian Emergency Management Statutes — Newfoundland and Labrador — The provincial Director of Emergency Services may do the following:

- authorize or perform surveys of industries, resources and facilities within the province necessary for the carrying out of the *Emergency Services Act*;
- establish programs including public information programs respecting emergency preparedness; and
- take all other preparatory steps, including partial or full mobilization of emergency resources.
- Each municipality must adopt an emergency management plan and have it approved by the Director of Emergency Services. Municipal plans must each designate a person to supervise and control the management of the plan. Two or more councils may join together to form a regional emergency management committee for the purpose of developing a regional emergency management plan.

Statutes — Federal — *The Human Pathogens and Toxins Act*, S.C. 2009, c. 24 has been updated.

Statutes — Alberta — *The Paramedics Profession Regulation*, Alberta Regulation 151/2016, made under the *Health Disciplines Act* has been updated.

Statutes – British Columbia — *The Emergency Health Services Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 471/74, made under the *Emergency Health Services Act* has been updated.

Statutes — Prince Edward Island — *The Emergency Medical Technicians Regulations*, P.E.I. Reg. EC2013-532, made under the *Public Health Act* has been updated.

Statutes — Quebec — *The Civil Protection Act*, R.S.Q., c. S-2.3, has been updated.