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## Response

- Contact your Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) First Nation Field Officer to begin information sharing. At this time ISC will begin the tracking of the event and its impacts based on information received. This helps maximize eligible reimbursements for housing damages, response costs, and any evacuations.
- Implement the Nation's Emergency Response Plan to coordinate Nation's activities regarding accessing resources such as mutual aid or ISC funding, evacuation, information sharing etc.
- **Prioritize the protection of the lives of community members first** as Infrastructure, land, animals, and cultural items need to be secondary.
- **Coordinate with band staff, nearby communities** etc. to maximize protections. This may include setting up an Emergency Operations Centre.
- Develop and maintain cost tracking as well as retain invoices, receipts, timesheets etc.

## **Transition to Recovery**

- **Contact ISC or AEMA First Nation Field Officer** to provide notification your community is ready to begin repatriation, cleanup, recovery, and rebuilding if necessary.
- **Develop a recovery plan** to assist in identifying the necessary precautions to be taken into consideration before beginning recovery work.
- **Contact a damage appraiser** to get an estimate for inspection of impacted, homes, roads and other infrastructure and provide the estimate to ISC.
  - Communities are required to provide to ISC an inspection report completed by a qualified third party that details damages caused by the event and cost to repair.
  - ISC can provide guidance on contracting a qualified inspector and will collaborate with the selected inspector to help ensure the inspection will meet EMAP requirements
- Identify to ISC potential mitigation projects that may reduce impacts in future events for funding consideration. Inspections may also provide mitigation recommendations.

Save AEMA and ISC phone numbers so they are readily available during a community emergency. AEMA 24/7 Emergency Line: 1-866-618-2362 to report an event.



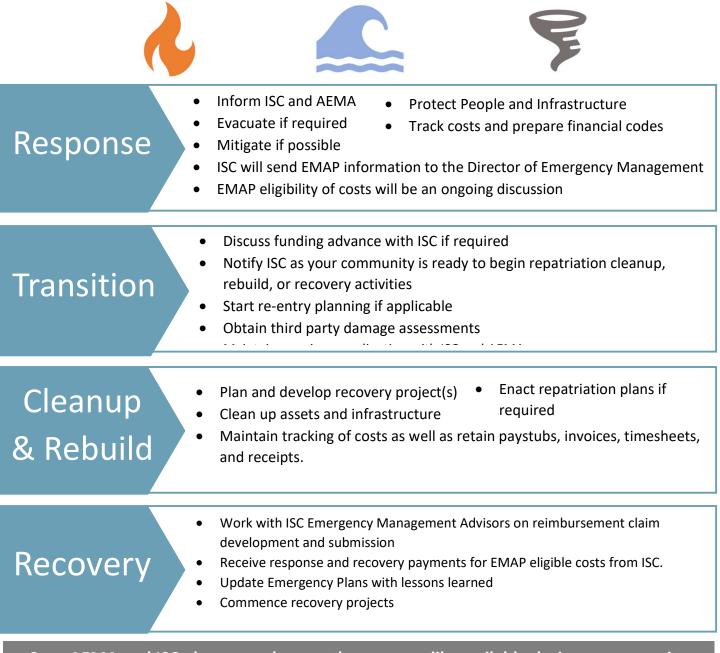
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