

PARTNER SNAPSHOT:

Building Resilient Neighbourhoods (Connect and Prepare Program)



PARTNER OVERVIEW

Building Resilient Neighbourhoods (BRN) is a collaborative effort to help create more resilient communities and neighbourhoods in British Columbia. Its flagship *Connect & Prepare* program is delivered in partnership with the City of Victoria's Emergency Management Department, Victoria Ready.

Mission

To strengthen communities' ability to pro-actively respond and adapt to change, stress and uncertainty through building stronger, more connected neighbourhoods where everyone's basic needs are met and everyone belongs.

Type of Organization

Not-for-profit Society in partnership with Municipal Government



Participating Communities

» Victoria



Participating Buildings

- » Approximately 8 per year
- » Low-rise, high-rise, townhouses
- » 346 units in current cohort (varies with cohort)
- » Market rental, rent-geared to income, below-market rental, owner-occupied, mixed owners and secondary rental, cooperative housing, subsidized rental



Residents

» families & individuals, seniors, people with disabilities, low-income

APPROACH BEING TESTED

Connect & Prepare builds emergency preparedness and community resilience by strengthening social connections between immediate neighbours. Through facilitated workshops, neighbours get to know each other, learn about acute emergencies and chronic stresses, identify assets and priorities, and implement shared preparedness projects. Each group builds a kit of shared emergency supplies, and has access to micro-grants to help them continue to collaborate on projects.