

Public Safety

Additional Resources for the *Municipal Government Self-Assessment Tool*

Meeting public safety needs and legislated requirements is another key indicator of municipal sustainability. According to the Municipal Acts, municipalities are to develop and maintain a safe and viable community.

The level and type of municipal mitigation, preparedness and response capabilities needed to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people, property and the environment from hazards and their subsequent effects is a major concern of municipal governments. Municipal public safety initiatives can encompass fire and police protection, bylaw enforcement, building inspections, emergency planning, street lighting and the monitoring of water and sewage treatment.

General information

Suggested terms to search on www.saskatchewan.ca to find information about public safety and emergency preparedness:

- Animal control
- Building standards/bylaws
- Disaster prevention and preparedness
- Emergency management courses
- Fire bans
- Hazardous waste
- Mutual aid agreement bylaws
- Mandatory and optional public safety services/functions in legislation
- National Building Code/ National Fire Code
- Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency
- Scrap tire recycling
- Waste management
- Wildfire management

External resources

- **SARM's Guides and Manuals** - <https://sarm.ca/resources/guides-and-manuals>
Members of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities can access SARM's public safety guides and manuals for administrators and council members.
- **Municipal Capacity Development Program** - <http://municipalcapacity.ca/>
This site has examples of a mutual aid agreement bylaw and an emergency agreement bylaw.
- **Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)** - <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/sk/home>
Contact information for all RCMP detachments in Saskatchewan is available from this site.