



Council Policy

Supporting Vulnerable People During Extreme Weather Conditions

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Statement

The City of Edmonton is committed to reducing the health impacts of extreme weather conditions on vulnerable people. To do this, the City will work in collaboration with community agencies to formalize protocols and coordinate efforts to safeguard the health and lives of vulnerable people during extreme weather conditions. In the spirit of reconciliation, this policy is informed by the historical and ongoing disproportionate representation of Indigenous people within the homelessness population.

Guiding Principles

- **Safety First:** The health and safety of individuals is of paramount importance, including physical, psychological and cultural safety.
- **Integrated:** The City of Edmonton's response will be integrated within and informed by broader sector supports to meet the needs of vulnerable people.
- **Respectful:** All individuals are served with dignity and respect.
- **Responsive:** The City of Edmonton's response will be adaptable to the needs of vulnerable people and changing climate conditions.
- **Reliable:** The City of Edmonton's response will be consistent, enabling access to and knowledge of available supports.

Definitions

- **Extreme Weather Condition:** Anticipated weather or environmental events that pose a significant threat to public health and safety. This is exclusive of natural disasters or emergency events such as tornadoes and floods.
- **Vulnerable People:** Persons who are at risk of serious, critical, or potentially fatal health impacts as a result of extreme weather conditions, in particular persons experiencing homelessness.