

# MUDGE ISLAND SAFETY TIPS



## WHAT IS MICS?

Mudge Island Citizens Society (MICS) is a non-profit Society whose purpose is to provide support for fire prevention, firefighting equipment and emergency services on Mudge Island. Mudge Island is classified as an unprotected area.

What MICS is not?

- MICS is NOT a recognized volunteer fire department
- Every effort will be made to contain a wildfire but there are limits
- We do not have the equipment or training to safely deal with building fires, but will work to prevent a building fire from spreading.

## HOW IS MICS FUNDED?



The majority of funds received by MICS are raised through donations from residents and events, with some grants from various government bodies. Information on how to donate can be found on the MICS website.

Learn more about funding and volunteering during an emergency here:  
<http://www.mudge.ca/mics>

## WHO DO I CALL IN AN EMERGENCY?



An emergency can be a fire, accident or serious medical situation. Having one? Call! See one? Call!

Get immediate help here:

- Call 911
- Call \*5555 for wildfires on your cell phone
  - Or 1.800.663.5555
- Post a message on MICS WhatsApp Emergency Call Out List\*\*

\*\*To enlist on WhatsApp MICS channel: Add Philip Parsons 250.818.2879, or Dale Erickson 250.755.9994 to your phone's contacts. Open WhatsApp and send one of them a message asking to be included on the MICS Emergency call out list. Include your full name and cell number. Volunteers will respond to posted emergencies.

## OTHER #S

BC Nursing  
Hotline: 811

Gabriola Police  
Non-emergency:  
250 247-9677

## HOW DO I BURN SAFELY?



Here are steps you should take:

1. Keep it far away from anything burnable
2. Don't burn in high winds
3. Have water on hand to control it (even seawater)
4. Use long-handled tools to manage the fire
5. Stay with your fire until out
6. Douse well if leaving your fire
7. Know that fire can travel underground and reignite
8. Learn about the current allowable fire size

Determine upcoming winds (search for Mudge Island):  
<https://www.windy.com/>

Check the fire size restrictions:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

## WHAT DOES SHUTDOWN MEAN?



- Shutdowns mean stopping certain high-risk activities at 1pm (known as "early shift") or all day (known as "total shutdown")
- Shutdowns usually happen during hot, dry periods
- Shutdown notices usually comes out on the Mudge email list (see below)

See the list of activities: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities>

Check the fire risk rating for Mudge (use the Cedar location):  
<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/DgrCls/index.asp?Region=2>

## WHAT IF I SEE WILDLIFE IN DISTRESS?



- Stay back and don't touch the animal
- Call GROWLS (Gabriola Rescue of Wildlife Society) at 250.714.7101

Learn more here:  
<http://www.growls.ca/>

## HOW DO I CONNECT WITH OTHER MUDGEKINS?



Sign up to these info channels to connect with others on Mudge and get important news:

- Mudge Email List: Sign up with [harvey\\_taggart@telus.net](mailto:harvey_taggart@telus.net)
- Mudge Island website: <http://www.mudge.ca/>
- Facebook group: Join M.U.D.G.E. (Mudge United Defending Gulf Environment)
- Facebook group: Join MUDGE Island Community Bulletin Board