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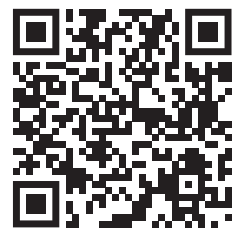


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# What Is a Boundary Really? Understanding the Rules We Set for Ourselves

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | [info@nancybergeron.ca](mailto:info@nancybergeron.ca)

When most of us hear the word boundary, we tend to think of rules we place on other people: “Don’t speak to me like that,” or “You can’t come over without asking first.” But in truth, boundaries aren’t rules for others—they’re rules for ourselves. They define our comfort zone, and they guide our actions when someone crosses a line we’ve drawn.

“A boundary means you are responsible for what’s in your yard, which would be your thoughts, your feelings, your actions, and your opinions,” explains Dana Skaggs, therapist. “And your neighbours also have a right to their thoughts, their feelings, their opinions, and their actions.” In other words, you tend your own garden—and you don’t try to control what someone else grows in theirs.

This is one of the most empowering (and humbling) aspects of boundaries: they remind us that we don’t get to control others. We can’t force people to think like us, behave in ways we prefer, or rescue them from their own beliefs. What we can do is make choices about how we’ll respond when someone acts in ways that don’t feel good to us.

That’s where the real work of boundaries begins. As therapist Laura Vladimirova puts it: “There’s no boundary without internal consequence.” It’s not enough to say, “I don’t want you to come over unannounced anymore.” The assumption might be that the person will simply comply. But what if they don’t? That’s when the boundary is tested—not when it’s spoken, but when it’s ignored. Do we let them in anyway? Ask them to leave and come back later? Decide to spend less time with them moving forward? Our boundary is only as strong as the action we’re willing to take when it’s crossed.

An example of this could be for a romantic relationship. We have a list of behaviours that make us uncomfortable, and we would leave the relationship if those boundaries weren’t respected. In practice, what they demonstrate is this core truth: a boundary includes a limit and a consequence. We are clear on what we would do if our boundaries weren’t respected.

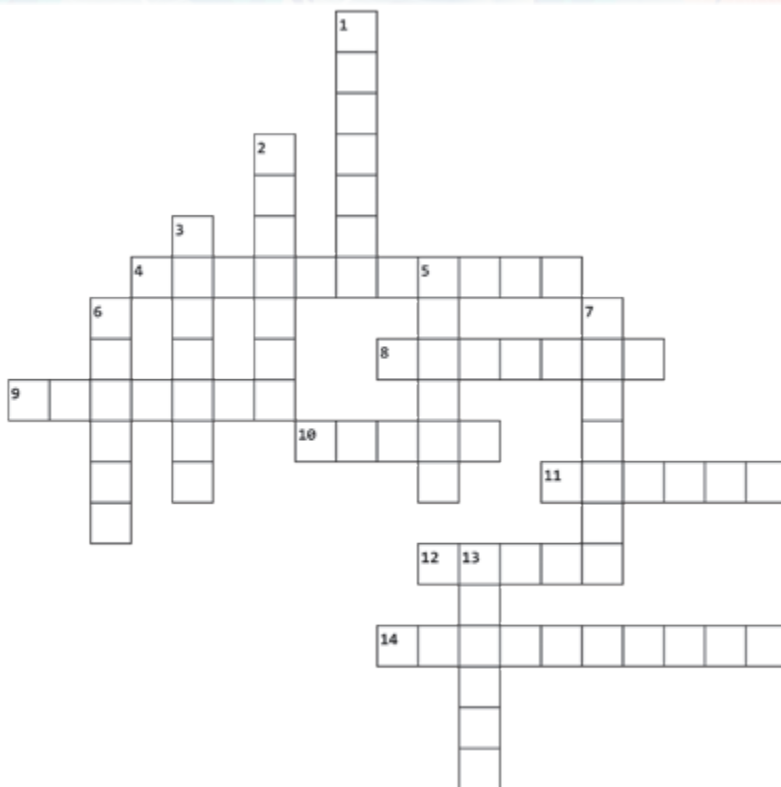


This principle applies just as much in parenting. Parents often think of boundaries as rules for their children: “Put your shoes on before going outside.” But children test rules—that’s what they do. The real boundary isn’t whether the child follows the rule, but how the parent responds when they don’t. Do you put the shoes on for them if they don’t? That’s the boundary in action: your response, not their behaviour.

Another common misunderstanding is that boundary violations should always result in cutting someone off. “Sometimes, with boundaries, we think the most severe consequence is what’s always needed,” says therapist Nedra Tawwab. However, if we ejected every person who crossed a line, we’d be left with very few relationships. Realistically, the first time someone violates a boundary, a reminder may be all that’s needed. The second time, you might take space or limit contact. Only in cases of repeated violations or extreme harm do more permanent consequences become necessary.

Ultimately, boundaries are an act of personal responsibility. They require clarity, consistency, and courage—not control. They aren’t about changing other people. They’re about protecting our own well-being and honouring our own limits, even when others don’t. And that’s where true empowerment lies.

# July Crossword



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## Across

4. Harper Lee's Southern Gothic novel, *To Kill a \_\_\_\_\_*, was published on July 11, 1960.
8. In July 1930 this South American country hosted the first FIFA World Cup.
9. The revolutionary portable audio player made by Sony launched in July 1979.
10. Gymnast \_\_\_\_\_ Comăneci scored a perfect ten on July 18, 1976, at the Montreal Olympic Games.
11. The name "Canada" comes from this Huron-Iroquois word for "village".
12. Talented Calgarian Tate \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates her 22nd birthday on July 1.
14. Lucy Maud \_\_\_\_\_, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, got married on July 5, 1911, in Park Corner, PEI.

## Down

1. On July 30, 1935, this well-known publishing company, named after an Antarctic animal, published their first books.
2. The action thriller *Die Hard* starring Bruce Willis and Alan \_\_\_\_\_ premiered on July 22, 1988.
3. The popular mobile game, \_\_\_\_\_ GO, launched in July 2016.
5. Starring Canadian actor Ryan Gosling, this positively pink film premiered on July 9, 2023.
6. Founded by Canadian musician Sarah McLachlan, the first \_\_\_\_\_ Fair, an all-female music festival, occurred on July 5, 1997.
7. On July 8, 1996, the Spice Girls released this song as their debut single.
13. This North American country made their national anthem official on July 1, 1980.

# Building Your Emergency Food Kit

by Alberta Health Services



Emergencies often happen without warning. They may be natural disasters like floods, wildfires, or severe storms that require evacuation. They could also be events such as extended power outages that require you to shelter in place for some time. In both cases, access to food and water may be limited so it's a good idea to have an emergency food kit ready. Your kit should contain a collection of non-perishables, ready-to-eat food items stored for use during emergencies when access to supplies may be disrupted.

This article will provide information on what emergency food kits are, why they are necessary, and what to include in your kit.

### Why An Emergency Food Kit Matters

During a disaster, you may not be able to shop for food, cook, or access clean water. You may have to evacuate your home with very little notice or be asked to shelter in place. Having an emergency kit is essential. An emergency food kit contains non-perishable foods designed to sustain your family during unexpected situations like natural disasters. Food items that can be stored for a long time without refrigeration are

ideal for emergencies. In addition to peace of mind, having an emergency kit ensures you will have enough energy to handle the physical and emotional stress that emergencies often cause.

When assembling an emergency food kit, it's important to consider both nutrition and practicality. Focus on non-perishable items that are easy to prepare, require minimal cooking, and meet basic needs. Your grab and go emergency kit should contain enough food and water for each member of your family for a minimum of 72 hours. If sheltering at home, ensure that you are prepared for a minimum of 14 days.

### Items to Include

Choose non-perishable foods using the principles from Canada's Food Guide and consider what you might have for meals and snacks. Examples include dry cereal with shelf-stable milk and dried fruit or canned fish, with whole grain crackers and canned vegetables.

Some of these items require minimal heating. If you do not have a camp stove and fuel, as well as pots for an emergency kit, do not choose foods that require some heating.



- **Water:** 4 litres per person, per day for drinking and basic hygiene.
- **Vegetables and Fruits:** Dehydrated potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, canned vegetable soups, as well as dried fruits.
- **Grain Foods:** Crackers, cereal, granola bars, instant oatmeal, rice, and pasta. Consider whole grain crackers and cereal for added nutrition.
- **Protein Foods:** Protein options include canned beans or canned meat, nuts, seeds, nut butters, and jerky.
- **Milks and Plant-Based Beverages:** Choose options that are sold at room temperature and in special cartons or in cans. These do not need refrigeration until they are opened.
- **Special Diet Foods:** If you have individuals with dietary restrictions, ensure that your kit contains enough specialty foods to last for the full duration of the emergency.
- **Other Foods:** While it's important to focus on essentials, you may also want to include some foods such as canned pudding, chocolate or packaged snacks, tea or coffee.
- **Meal Preparation Materials:** Include plates, cutlery, a multipurpose knife, manual can opener, and hand sanitizer. If you have a camp stove, store it with your emergency food kit as well as fuel and a pot or pan.
- If you have pets, remember to include their water and food needs.

### Practical Considerations

Store food in a cool, dry place and avoid areas prone to moisture or pests. When packing canned and dried goods, opt for smaller containers that can be consumed in one sitting to prevent spoilage once opened. Check foods every year and rotate out those that are nearing expiry as needed. Some foods may last for several years.

Emergency preparedness is essential for every household, and a well-planned food kit can provide comfort, nutrition, and safety during crises. By incorporating a variety of non-perishable items and water, you can ensure that you and your family remain well-nourished and prepared for any emergency.

Setting aside food for emergencies may not be possible for everyone due to cost. There may be resources in your social network or community to go to in case of emergency. Call, text, or chat with 2-1-1 Alberta ([ab.211.ca/](https://www.ab.211.ca/)) to find out about financial benefits, programs, and services.



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## Celebrating Calgary 150 - Oil Town

by Anthony Imbrogno (*The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC*)

Calgary was booming by 1920.

The CPR built the Palliser Hotel, called the “Castle by the Tracks”, which employed immigrants like my Nona and father. The Kings Arm Tavern inside was frequented by gay men. Meanwhile, Fort Calgary was razed.

A splendid City Hall reflected Calgary’s prominence. And another public building is Heritage Hall, Western Canada’s first post-secondary institution. Hudson’s Bay’s new store opened with a granite columned arcade, unique in North America.

Parks Superintendent William Reader sought to beautify Calgary with Reader Rock Garden, his experimental site. Shaganappi (“rawhide lacing” in Cree), an Indigenous gathering place, became the first municipal golf course (ca.1914).

St. George’s Island became the zoo’s home, with concrete dinosaurs added in 1935. Dinny is the only survivor. Annie Gale, the British Empire’s first woman city councillor, supported self-sufficiency through the Vacant Lot Gardens Club.

Energy resources started dominating the economy. Coal was mined in the Crowsnest Pass - my great-grandfather Salvatore was a miner who died in an accident. Nearby is Turtle Mountain, known to Indigenous peoples as “the mountain that moves”. On April 29, 1903, the Frank Slide destroyed the mine and several homes. Between 70 and 90 people perished.

At Turner Valley, William Herron’s well struck gas. He’s considered the father of Alberta’s petroleum industry. The Herald wrote, “a lively but fairly sane cow town became a madhouse”. Oil was discovered in 1936, sealing Calgary’s fate as Oil Town.

New main streets developed. Off 10 Street NW is the Art Deco-style Plaza Theatre (ca.1934). Apartment buildings also appeared, including Spanish Colonial-style President Apartments and Tudor Revival-style Barnhart Apartments.

Another kind of community formation occurred in 1928 when Métis Nation of Alberta was founded to establish eight settlements.

Then the Great Depression began in 1929. Public works projects generated employment, including the Glenmore Reservoir and Banff-Jasper Highway. Norman Luxton spearheaded Banff’s Winter Carnival and Buffalo Nations Museum. Mount Norquay and Sunshine became ski resorts.

During hard times, sport offered respite. The Calgary Tigers played rugby football and threw Canada’s first forward pass in 1929. The Stampeders won their first game in 1945, perfect for a city approaching 100,000.

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## Bow River

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

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## Cannabis and Youth

by Recovery Alberta – Community Health Promotion Services



Cannabis or other common names including, marijuana, weed, or pot, is a drug that comes from a plant that contains over 100 compounds. The two common compounds are THC and CBD which have completely different effects on the body, but both affect how you think, feel, and act. Cannabis can be smoked, vaped, consumed by eating or drinking, and absorbed through the skin.

Having conversations with a young person may be uncomfortable or difficult to know where or how to begin. Below are some key areas to focus on:

- **Discussions:** When is the right time to start having these conversations? Well, it is known that discussions about substances should begin as early as 12 years or

earlier when appropriate. Educating yourself on how the substance is used and why it may be popular is the first step.

- **Try To Understand Why:** There are many reasons why a young person may decide to use substances, which can include coping, curiosity, or peer pressure. Ask questions and try to understand why they want to use and what they know about the substance.
- **Set Clear Expectations:** It is known that youth succeed with consistency. Be clear with your expectations of “no use of substances” while keeping in mind that you still want to be the support they come to. Role modeling and applying the same expectations for yourself will support with maintaining consistency.

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by The City of Calgary



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- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Sweep up debris from your garage and driveway instead of washing it away.
- Wash your vehicle at a car wash instead of your driveway.
- Never pour anything down the storm drain.
- Pick up pet waste and litter and put them in the proper waste containers.

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		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
May	25	6	5	\$1,788,888	\$1,760,000
April	25	3	2	\$1,572,500	\$1,582,500
March	25	4	4	\$1,412,500	\$1,402,500
February	25	5	5	\$1,495,000	\$1,510,000
January	25	3	3	\$1,185,000	\$1,157,500
December	24	3	2	\$1,624,500	\$1,574,450
November	24	1	3	\$1,595,000	\$1,492,500
October	24	4	3	\$2,998,000	\$2,970,000
September	24	5	4	\$1,463,950	\$1,452,500
August	24	5	3	\$1,395,000	\$1,395,000
July	24	5	3	\$2,499,000	\$2,600,000
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