The term situational awareness simply means having access to important information that can help guide decisions. However, information that is valuable in one set of circumstances may be of little help in other cases.

* Television, especially local channels including the weather channel, can be very helpful when seeking information on a particular topic.
* Many large cities offer email notification services that provide updates on critical events.
* Severe weather and solar flares that can disrupt GPS systems, cell phone reception, and other types of electronics and computer systems, can be tracked at several websites including:
* [News Releases - Canadian Red Cross](https://www.redcross.ca/about-us/media-news/news-releases)
* [Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change.html)
* [Weather: Hurricane - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/hurricane-forecasts-facts.html)
* [Earthquakes Canada (nrcan.gc.ca)](https://earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/index-en.php)
* [The Weather Network - Weather forecasts, maps, news and videos](https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca)
* [Canadian Wildland Fire Information System | Interactive map (nrcan.gc.ca)](https://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/interactive-map)
* News services are also valuable sources of breaking news and information. Many of these same services have a radio presence or can be accessed via the Internet.
* Many provinces, territories, and larger cities also have information websites and alerting services that send out emails and text alerts. Some examples include:
* [Alberta Emergency Alert | Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-alert.aspx)
* [Emergency alerts issued by Ontario - RCMP.ca](https://alert.rcmp.ca/on/home)
* [BC emergency alerts - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/public-safety/emergency-alerts)