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**COMMUNITY INVITED TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION AT BTC
APRIL 5**

Bellingham, Wash. — Living in the Northwest comes with its share of hazards: earthquakes, floods and landslides, to name a few. And while we can't always predict when they'll happen, we can do our best to be prepared.

Bellingham Technical College is hosting a free American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness presentation from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in BTC's Settlemyer Hall in the Campus Center Building. Students, staff and community members are invited to attend; no reservations are required.

Experts from the American Red Cross will talk about the hazards in our area, how to be prepared for emergencies and disasters, and the resources available in our community. Participants will receive free preparedness brochures and materials, and learn about the three steps to preparedness: Get a kit, make a plan, and be informed.

When emergencies and disasters strike, community members may need to evacuate quickly, remain in their homes for a long period of time, or be the first help on the scene for neighbors before first responders. Attendees will learn how to take simple steps to prepare themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead.

About Bellingham Technical College:

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, electronics, engineering, technology and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC offers 38 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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