

Safety Plan: MTRI Science Conference 2025

The purpose of the safety plan is to describe the expectations for conference attendees, presenters, invited speakers, session moderators, and any other guests. By registering for and attending the conference, participants agree to abide by the safety plan and expectations of behavior.

Expectations of Behavior

Conference attendees are expected to treat fellow participants with respect, civility, and fairness, without bias based on race, color, national origin, pregnancy, sex, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation, and political philosophy. Harassment or discrimination against other attendees is prohibited.

Fire Plan – NSCC’s Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS)

In the event of a fire or other emergency requiring evacuation, please remain calm, all guests and participants are asked to make their way to the nearest entrance:

- 1) The gymnasium has double doors directly to the outside.
- 2) The hall located to the right of the main gymnasium doors leads to an entrance.
- 3) The main door.

The entrances are all laid out in the floor plan below. Refer to COGS, MTRI staff, and the **Safety Board posted on the wall by the gymnasium entrance** for more detail.

Floor Plan



First Aid

General First Aid:

No matter what the situation, if you encounter a person who has been injured at the conference, it is important to assess the scene before you rush in to provide first aid (if certified with Standard First-Aid Training or equivalent).

Here are a few reminders regarding what you should do to assess the scene:

- **Survey the scene for danger.**
- **Look for the cause of the injury.**
- **Do not move the injured person.**

- **Call emergency services or 911.**
- **Administer basic first aid.** *If the scene is safe, you are trained and able to administer basic first aid, you should do so at this time.*

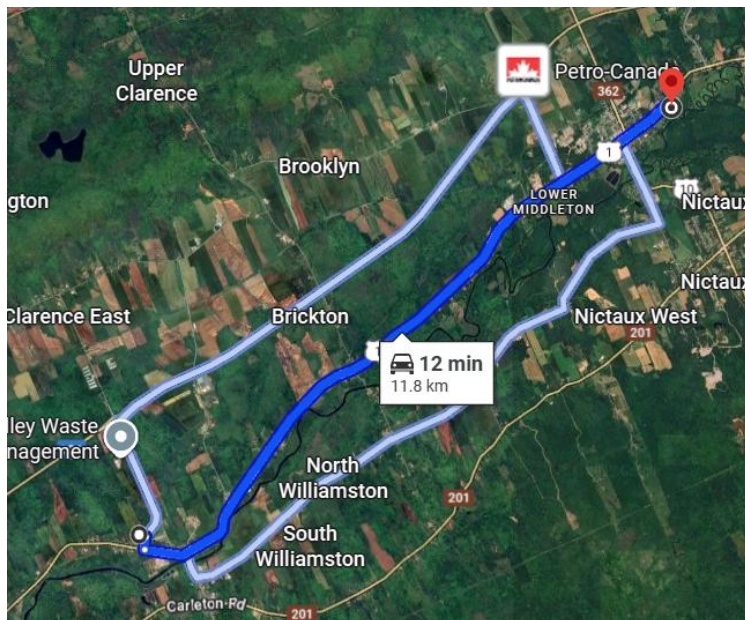
AED location: There is an AED located just outside the main gymnasium entrance.

First Aid Kit locations: The First Aid Kit is located just outside the main gymnasium entrance.

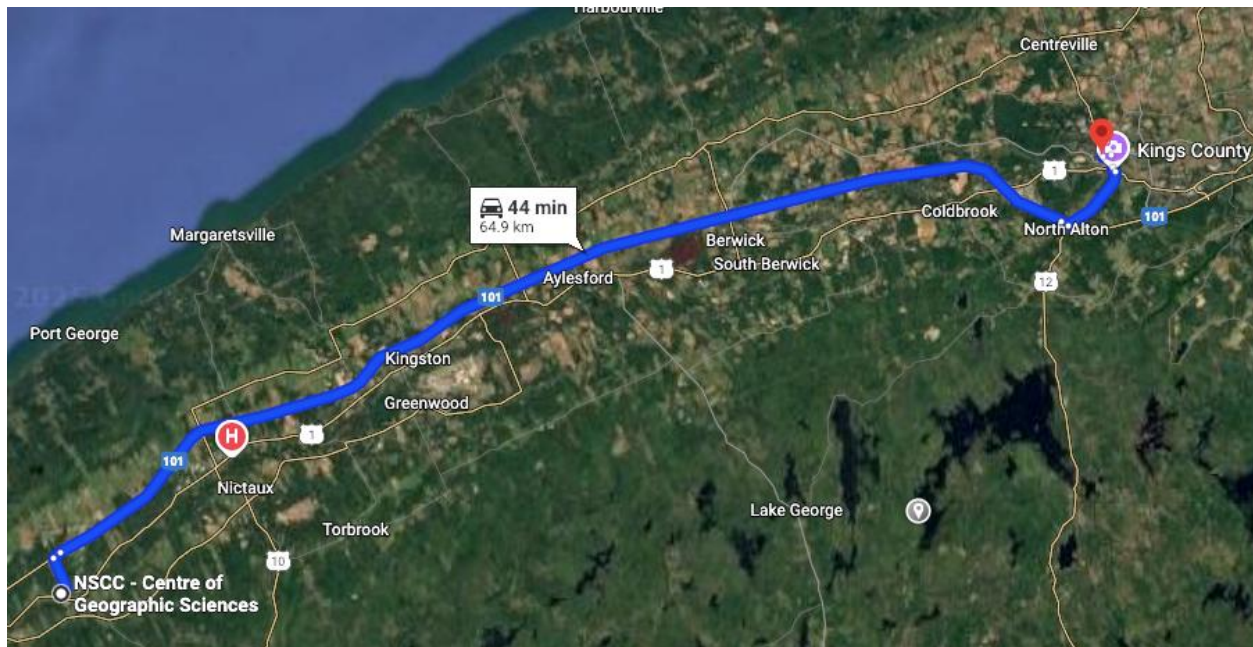
First-Aid Assistance: If you are not able to perform First Aid, look for the nearest person who is trained and able to assist, which could include staff from Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Staff (MTRI). Most, if not all, MTRI staff have Standard First Aid training.

Emergency: Instruct a bystander not actively administering first aid to call 911 to reach first responders. Direct first responders to 50 Elliott Road, Lawrencetown and to the main entrance of the COGS Campus. Instruct someone to wait outside of the building to guide first responders to the scene.

Hospitals: The nearest hospital is **Soldier's Memorial Hospital** located at 462 Main St in Middleton. It is 12 km away from the venue. Soldiers Memorial Hospital emergency department is OPEN Saturday, November 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. [Virtual urgent care](#) is open every day, Mon-Sat 8am-7pm and Sunday from 8am-3:30pm.



The other closest hospital is the **Valley Regional Hospital** located at 150 Exhibition St in Kentville. It is 65 km away from the venue and has a 24-hour emergency department.



Allergies

Participants should inform conference organizers of any allergies you may have. Food allergies should be communicated to conference organizers so they can ensure catering staff are aware. Please double check with catering staff if you are unsure of any ingredients or potential cross contamination in food items served.

We ask that participants be mindful of the products they are using while attending the conference and avoid scented products, such as hair spray and perfume, that may be triggering to those with allergies and sensitivities.

Preventing Respiratory Illness

Participants are encouraged to wear masks or stay at home if they have a respiratory illness. A limited number of masks will be available for participants at the registration desk. A limited number of masks will be available for participants at the registration desk.

Frequent hand washing is recommended. Hand sanitizer will also be provided in the conference room to prevent the transmission of illness.

There are two washrooms and a private stall on either side of the gymnasium, three private stalls to the right of the main entrance, and a washroom beyond the cafeteria, down the hall to the right (see the map provided above and on the conference website for their exact locations).