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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## What is a land acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement is spoken by a non-Indigenous person or visiting Indigenous person at the beginning of an internal or external event, ceremony, meeting, or gathering.

## Why are they important?

- ✓ Show respect and recognition for the territories of Indigenous people.
- ✓ Support reconciliation and provide opportunities to promote awareness of Indigenous peoples in Canada and their connection to the land.

## STARTING SCRIPT

**Before going further, I would like to acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territories of the \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Coast Salish) Peoples, in particular the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of First Nation, Inuit, or Métis communities, e.g. the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tseil-Waututh First Nations in Vancouver) on whose territory we gather.**

If you are hosting a virtual event, you could recognize the land that the organizing company's head office resides on, or the location that you're joining from (your virtual office).

## TIPS AND CONSIDERATIONS



**Confirm the pronunciation of any Indigenous group you reference.** Visit [whose.land](https://www.whose.land) to learn what territories you're on, and [first-nations.info](https://www.first-nations.info) for a list of pronunciations.



**Personalize your acknowledgement, if you are comfortable.** This could include sharing local Indigenous history, language, culture, or tradition.



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