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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 Tsleil-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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