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Dear Resident,

The most important feature of any home is something you probably do not see when you walk through the door, but it could save your life: it is **safety**. Safety comes in all shapes and sizes: smoke detectors; fire extinguishers; escape routes; carefully maintained heating and electrical systems; and knowing what to do and where to go in case of fire, flood, tornado, or other disasters. The key to being prepared in the event of a disaster or sudden emergency is preplanning and practice drills.

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## **Disaster/Emergency Relief Plan of Action**

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The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act; therefore, you should prepare now for a sudden emergency. Knowing what to do in an emergency is your best protection and your responsibility. Learn how to protect yourself and your family by planning ahead.

To obtain more information, you may want to contact your local emergency management agency or civil defense office and the local American Red Cross chapter; be prepared to take notes. You will need to gather the following information:

1. Find out which disasters are most likely to occur in your area. The most commonly occurring disasters in this area are: **Fire/Flooding/Hurricane/Tornado**
2. Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
3. Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.
4. Learn about your community's warning signals; what they sound like and what you should do when you hear them.
5. Learn your community's main evacuation routes.
6. If needed, ask about special assistance for the elderly or disabled persons.
7. Ask about animal care during and after an emergency. Animals may not be allowed inside emergency shelters due to health regulations.

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### **Checklist of Emergency Procedures**

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Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disasters. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather and earthquakes to children, elderly individuals, and persons needing special assistance. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team. The following may be used in creating your own Emergency Response Plan:

1. Draw a floor plan of your residence and mark two escape routes from each room.
2. Install safety features in your home, such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
3. Discuss what to do in an evacuation.
4. Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.
5. Post emergency telephone numbers near the telephone.
6. Instruct household members to turn on a battery powered radio for emergency information.