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## Disaster/Emergency Relief Plan of Action

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7. Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
8. Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 and a long distance contact person.
9. Pick two meeting places: 1) a place near your home in case of fire; 2) a place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
10. Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.
11. Locate the main electric fuse box, water service main, and natural gas main shut off valve to your mobile home. Learn how and when to turn these utilities off. Teach all responsible family members. Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut-off valves. Turn off the utilities only if you suspect the lines are damaged or if you are instructed to do so. **If you turn the gas off, you will need a professional to turn it back on.**
12. Take a basic first aid and CPR class.

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### If Disaster Strikes

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1. Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.
2. Check for injuries; give first aid and get help for seriously injured.
3. Listen to your battery powered radio for news and instructions.
4. Evacuate if advised to do so. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
5. Check for damage to your home, but use a flashlight only. **Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches**, if you suspect damage.
6. Check for fires, fire hazards, and other household hazards.
7. If you are remaining in your home, sniff for gas leaks, starting at the hot water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.
8. Shut off any other damaged utilities.
9. Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately.

#### Remember to:

1. Remember to confine or secure your pets.
2. Call your family contact, but do not use the telephone again unless it is a life threatening emergency.
3. Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.
4. Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is shut off.
5. Stay away from downed power lines.

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### Hurricanes

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#### Before a Hurricane

1. Discuss what to do in an evacuation and prepare a Family Disaster Supply Kit.
2. Have storm shutters and protection materials for large windows or glass doors. You are responsible for putting down (and up) your own storm shutters.