Preparedness Information for Mobile Home Residents

Many Floridians live in mobile homes throughout the state. Like all Floridians, everyone who lives in a mobile home should take a few safety precautions before an emergency. That is why we are encouraging every family living or staying in a mobile home to have their own emergency action plan and disaster supply kit. An emergency action plan should help residents determine before an emergency where they will go, how they will take care of friends, family members, and those with special needs, and include other important safety information. A disaster supply kit should have enough food, water, and medicine to last each member of a person’s family for 3 days. Residents can visit www.FloridaDisaster.org to get more information on preparing for emergencies.

To help Floridians get ready for an emergency, here are some important safety tips for mobile home residents for different types of emergencies:

**Hurricanes**

Hurricanes are one of nature’s most powerful forces. As the hurricane capital of the United States, the strong winds and heavy rains of some hurricanes have destroyed entire communities in Florida. When a hurricane threatens a mobile home or mobile home community, residents in the potential area of impact should go to an emergency shelter or evacuate to another area.

**Tornadoes**

Tornadoes can come with little or no warning. Mobile homes offer very little protection from severe weather events for individuals and families. Residents who stay in mobile homes during tornadoes are at a greater risk for injuries.

One of the best ways for mobile home residents to prepare for tornadoes is to pick out a safe place near their house, and go to it before the storm impacts the area. This safe place should have strong foundations, wind-resistant walls, and very few windows (if any). Families should practice their tornado survival plans regularly. Special attention should be given to prepare children, persons with disabilities, and persons who are elderly for potential tornado events.
**Floods**
Mild and severe flooding can cause severe damage to mobile homes. In addition to causing structural and foundation damage, floods can pose a serious risk of drowning to people, pets, and livestock. Residents should never drive into flood waters.

**Fires**
Fires can quickly engulf mobile homes. Residents should have multiple escape routes from their houses, and should practice these routes regularly. Everyone should always listen to local officials regarding fire warnings.

For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to GET A PLAN!, please visit: [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org).

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