

*Plan and think safety by
preparing for tomorrow....*

- Obtain hazard specific homeowners insurance to cover your contents and structure or renters insurance to cover your contents.*
- Maintain a battery operated radio and a NOAA Weather Radio.*
- Prepare a family disaster supplies kit and keep it current and handy.*
- Develop a family evacuation plan and practice it once a year.*
- Pay attention to all emergency warnings — follow directions and evacuate your residence when advised to do so.*

For more information, contact your local American Red Cross and ask for the following information or go to the web at:

<http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety>

- *Family Disaster Plan*
(English: ARC 4466; Spanish: ARC 4466S)
- *Your Evacuation Plan*
(ARC 5003, English only)
- *Disaster Supplies Kit*
(English: ARC 4463; Spanish: ARC 4463S)
- *Emergency Preparedness Checklist*
(English: ARC 4471; Spanish: ARC 4471S)
- *Checklist for People with Mobility Problems* (ARC 4497, English only)
- *Pets and Disaster: Get Prepared*
(321355, English only)
- *Helping Children Cope With Disaster*
(English: ARC 4499; Spanish: ARC 4499S)
- *Food and Water in an Emergency*
(ARC 5055, English only)
- *Can You Afford to Lose Everything?*
(English: ARC 5049; Spanish: ARC 5049S)
- *Against the Wind: Protecting Your Home from Hurricane Wind Damage*
(ARC 5023)
- *Safe Living in Your Manufactured Home*
(ARC 4465)
- *Help! The Power is Out* (ARC 1098)
- *Your Home Has Been Flooded, the First Steps* (ARC 4476).
- *Repairing Your Flooded Home*
(English: ARC 4477; Spanish: ARC 4477S)

**LOOKING FOR
A HOME?
TAKE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE YOUR HOME
SAFE FOR
YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY!**



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Think and Plan for Safety

Check outside and around the house, manufactured (mobile) home or apartment.

- Is it away from a river/creek or other water source that may flood?
- What fire department and ambulance service is available and how do you contact them in an emergency?
- Is it near a fire hydrant?
- Are home entryways, parking areas and area streets well lit?
- Are the bushes and trees trimmed and away from roof, chimney, gutters and entryways?
- Are hallways and stairwells equipped with emergency lighting?
- Are play areas well-lit and free from hazards?
- If a pool is present, does it have a fence with a locked gate?

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Check the inside of your house, manufactured (mobile) home or apartment.

- Are there smoke alarms installed on each level of the home and are they working?
- Are there fire extinguishers available and are they fully charged? (Your local fire department can tell you where to get them charged.)
- Are electrical outlets adequate and working? Do not overload outlets!
- Are the locks on windows and doors in working order?
- Are there at least two (2) ways to exit the residence?
- Are the chimney and gutters cleaned regularly?

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Prepare your house, manufactured (mobile) home or apartment for:

FIRES

Check smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. If you must use a portable space heater, do NOT use near flammable objects such as curtains or furniture

FLOODS

Make sure the electric panel/fuse box is elevated above previous flood levels. Make sure the furnace, water heater, washer, dryer and other items in the basement are located off the floor and elevated above previous flood levels.

TORNADOS

Go to a tornado safe room, if you have one, or to a room at the lowest level of your home, preferably in the center of the home (such as a bathroom or a closet). If you live in a mobile home park, be prepared to leave your home and go to a sturdy, well built building.

HURRICANES

Have enough hurricane shutters or pre-cut plywood on hand to cover all windows and doors. Manufactured (mobile) homes, especially in areas where high winds occur, should be strapped or tied down to a foundation with cables or chains.

EARTHQUAKES

Bolt tall furniture like bookcases and china cabinets to wall studs. Strap water heaters to wall studs. Install strong latches on cupboards. Have everyone in your home practice how to DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON.