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FEMA Manufactured Housing Units and Severe Weather

FEMA Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) are designed to be exceptionally safe and secure temporary housing solutions. But as with all forms of housing, FEMA MHUs are at risk for damage in severe weather. Below are some practices you can follow to protect yourself, your family, and your property while living in a FEMA MHU:

- Never take shelter in an MHU during high winds, a tornado, a hurricane, or a flood.
- All MHUs are equipped with a weather radio. If severe weather is predicted, monitor the weather radio and comply with any evacuation orders.
- Always follow the guidance of local officials. It is their job to protect you, so it is your job to listen to their warnings and obey their orders.
- Plan out evacuation routes. Be sure to plan multiple routes to several safe shelters so that you are ready for potential road closures.

In Case of Severe Storms

- If a severe storm is forecast for your area, move to a sturdy building or shelter until the storm has passed.

In Case of a Tornado

- If a tornado warning is issued for your area, evacuate the MHU immediately.
- Go to the lowest floor of a nearby sturdy building or storm shelter, away from windows.

In Case of a Hurricane

- Hurricanes are particularly dangerous because of their unpredictability. While they are usually accompanied by heavy rain and strong winds, they can cause tornados and floods.
- Use the weather radio to monitor evacuation orders. Evacuate immediately if local officials recommended mobile home occupants to find sturdier shelter.

In Case of a Flood

- If the potential for flooding exists in your area, monitor the status via the weather radio.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If a flash flood warning is issued, immediately evacuate and move to higher ground.
- If you have time, place any important items on the highest shelves. Disconnect electrical devices, but not while wet or standing in water.
- When evacuating, do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause you to fall and can flood most compact or midsize cars. A foot of water will cause most vehicles to float. Two feet of water can sweep away even trucks and SUVs.
- Do not leave your pets behind in the MHU.

Additional Information

- More techniques for minimizing severe weather risks are available at www.ready.gov.
- Contact local officials for local information and possible evacuation routes. Contact info is available online at www.gohsep.la.gov/about/parishpa.