



## **WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPARATION**

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### **Be prepared for weather emergencies:**

- Listen to weather reports on radio or TV.
  - Watch means severe weather is possible.
  - Warning means severe weather is almost here.
- Follow advice for protecting yourself and your property.
- Evacuate if advised to do so by public officials.

### **Be aware of weather emergency hazards:**

- Falling trees, utility poles, and buildings
- Downed power lines—always assume the wires are live
- Gas leaks
- Flooding
- Lightning
- Ice, sleet, freezing rain, or drifting snow

### **Know and follow the workplace emergency plan:**

- Respond to alarm signal or evacuation notice.
- Turn off equipment if possible.
- Perform any assigned emergency duties.
- Follow assigned evacuation route.
- Use assigned evacuation exit(s).
- Assemble in assigned meeting place.
- Notify your employer if you are unable to get to work.

### **Develop a home emergency plan:**

- Prepare an emergency kit in case you lose power or cannot leave.
- Move to the safest part of the house.
- Bring in outdoor furniture, etc., if high wind or flood may occur.

### **Be prepared for an evacuation, if necessary:**

- Plan and practice home evacuation.
- Post emergency numbers at all phones.
- Teach children when and how to call for emergency help.
- Know all family members' work and school emergency plans.
- Identify a family meeting place and an out-of-area phone contact.

**PROPER PLANNING CAN HELP KEEP YOU SAFE**