

# What YOU need to know!

## High-Rise Building Planning

Identifying if your building or condominium is safe to shelter-in-place can help provide a place for emergency refuge during the next hurricane, tsunami or other hazard. Hurricane Shelters, though numerous and located in public schools throughout Oahu can be hot, crowded and often uncomfortable for senior citizens and those with disabilities. **In addition all of your emergency supplies must be brought with you.** If you have a large family (including pets) this can be quite an undertaking.

In Hawaii, many people live or work in high rise buildings. Buildings that are in an evacuation zone, but are ten (10) or more stories high may be suitable to shelter-in-place for tsunami events on the 4th floor and above. Building's hallways and/or stairwells without windows may also be suitable for Hurricane events. Evacuation maps can be found in the local telephone book or by visiting our website at [www.honolulu.gov/dem](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem).

Simple Tips:

- Know your evacuation zone. Even if you live on an upper floor, you may be completely cut off from rescue if the ground floors flood.
- Get shutters or panels to cover your glass doors and windows. Check with your building association to see which styles are acceptable.
- Bring all balcony furniture and other items indoors to avoid them being blown around by strong winds.
- Know where your exit stairwells are located. These exits may be necessary if your building loses power and elevators are unavailable.
- Keep your radio and emergency supply kit with you when you evacuate.
- Move away from exterior walls and things that might fall.
- Talk with the building management to find out about its emergency plans (including fire, hurricane, and tsunami events) for the facility.
- Talk to your association about what would happen if your building got damaged by a fire, hurricane or tsunami.

Prior to hurricane season consider talking to your association about additional structural protection and emergency evacuation plans. If you are a building or resident manager, go to [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) for templates on how to make your building's hurricane/tsunami plan and update the plan annually.

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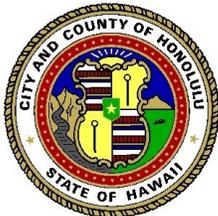
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# Plan and Prepare Now for the Next Disaster

**Learn** – Educate yourself on disasters that can affect you and your Family.

**Plan** – Create and exercise a Family Disaster Plan. Locate a secondary meeting place and designate an off island contact.

**Individual, Family and Business Disaster Planning** – Disaster planning is everyone's business. Carefully review this information and take the time today to discuss preparedness planning with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

## **Develop a 14-Day Disaster Supplies Kit**

Your disaster supplies kit should contain enough of the following items to last for 14-days minimum:

- **Water** - One gallon of water per person per day for 14 days for drinking and sanitation
- **Food** - Non-perishable food that does not require cooking. Survival foods such as Peanut Butter, Protein Shakes, Dried Fruits, Nuts
- **Eating Utensils** – Plates, mess kits, forks and chop sticks. Don't forget a non-electric can opener for canned foods
- **Radio** - Battery-powered or hand crank radio with NOAA Weather alert
- **Light** - Flashlight and or a portable fluorescent light
- **Spare batteries** - Check annually
- **First Aid** – Get a good kit and consider enrolling in a certified first aid course
- **Whistle** – Important for signaling for help. A whistle carries much farther than the human voice and uses less energy than yelling
- **Dust Mask** – Helps to filter contaminated air
- **Sanitation** - Moist towelettes, heavy duty garbage bags, hand sanitizer gel, toilet paper, baking soda/kitty litter to absorb odors, gloves and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- **Tools** - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, duct tape
- **Maps** - Local area maps
- **Prescription** – Special medications, glasses and medical devices
- **Pets** - Pet food and extra water for your pet
- **Miscellaneous** - Infant Formula, diapers, incontinent supplies, feminine products

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