

## MOBILE HOME DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

A major earthquake or other disaster can seriously affect residents and their homes; but, working together, Mobile Home Park residents and management can significantly reduce the impact of a disaster for everyone.

### EACH COACH

#### Before any disaster:

- Have an out-of-state contact for communicating with friends and family
- Store water, food, and other supplies
- Secure furniture and other items

#### During an earthquake:

- If you're in your coach; climb up onto a couch or other heavy piece of furniture, crouch, and cover your head. Do NOT run outside.
- If you're in the clubhouse or other building; duck under a table or against a sturdy wall, cover your head, and hold on. Do NOT run outside
- If outdoors, move away from power lines and anything likely to topple. Crouch under or against something sturdy and cover your head.

#### After an earthquake:

- Stop and check yourself for injuries
- Check others in your area for injuries
- Shut off utilities if needed. Do NOT shut off gas unless it is leaking.
- Check for serious structural damage
- Return phone receivers to cradles (corded phones)
- If able, assist neighbors
- If notified to do so, evacuate

### PARK-WIDE

#### Before any disaster:

- Develop a team of volunteers to coordinate preparedness, as well as response
- Identify residents with special abilities and needs
- Determine what supplies and training will be needed
  - Establish a system to alert for help. A large card for the window with "HELP" on one side and "OKAY" on the other can work well.
- Conduct drills
- Locate and, whenever possible, eliminate potential hazards

#### During an earthquake:

- Protect yourself during the earthquake or you won't be able to help anyone else afterward!

#### After an earthquake:

- Methodically check each coach for injured residents and other problems
- Check for gas leaks and respond to small fires. Do NOT shut off gas unless you know it is leaking
- Establish a first aid area and transport injured to medical aid if necessary
- Be prepared to help evacuate



#### Will your coach survive an earthquake?

If it's not too late, the wheels should be left on rather than removed. A structural bracing system can make a difference; contact the State Dept. of Housing & Community Development for a list of certified systems.

Doublewide homes should be tied together. Also, secure the coach's awnings and carport.