

## SHELTERS

It is the government's role to provide shelter for the protection of any citizen, who is in need, from tropical cyclones or other disasters.

Following an event, the government will provide for emergency sheltering of those displaced by the event for a LIMITED PERIOD.

## WHAT IS A SHELTER?

A facility designated for refuge immediately prior to, during or after a disaster, including for an event such as a storm/hurricane. An emergency shelter is normally operated for an initial period of up to 72 hours but may be longer depending on the severity of impact on the community.



In a shelter environment it is not possible to provide the privacy which exists at home, however, in the allocation of space the shelter management team will work together and with shelterees to create the highest levels of privacy possible.

Persons who are seeking refuge in the shelter, are referred to as shelterees

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTRE

These centres are staffed with medical personnel and will be used to provide medical services during a hurricane to persons who are sick or who require medical supervision and may also be utilized post

hurricane should the Health Centres be affected.

## SHELTER MANAGEMENT STAFF

Your shelter is staffed by trained volunteers.

The Shelter Manager is assisted by a Shelter Management Team that consists of the



Shelter Manager, Deputy Managers, Police or Special Constable, and Red Cross Volunteer. Emergency Medical Shelters will in addition to the personnel noted above also have doctors and nurses as a part of the Shelter Management team.

The Shelter Manager is in charge and manages co-ordinates and supervises the operation of the shelter and shelter management team, including all persons who seek refuge in the shelter.

## SHELTER OPERATIONS

During a storm, shelter residents are expected to remain in the shelter at all times. This is for the safety of all residents.

## BRIEFINGS

The Shelter Manager and or the Shelter Management Team will provide regular updates and briefings to the shelterees.

The role of the team is to keep you informed, as well as provide accurate information.

## SHELTER RULES

Every shelteree must be registered when they enter the shelter to ensure that everyone is accounted for within the shelter. The shelter management team may request additional information regarding health, diet, interests and capabilities or skills to assist in the operation of the shelter.

*The following apply to everyone in the shelter, there are **NO EXCEPTIONS**:*

If a curfew is issued at any time under the Emergency Powers Act, all persons within the shelter will be subject to the conditions of the curfew and will be subject to such penalties as may be imposed for failure to comply.

No liability shall attach to the Government, shelter managers, shelter officers, Government employees or agents or the owner or occupier of listed premises in respect of-

- Accidental or negligent loss or damage to property brought into the shelter by a person seeking protection; or
- Persons who leave the shelter prior to the issuance of an All Clear

Any person, that cause damages deliberately to the shelter by defacing the building or any item of furniture or equipment in or attached to the building, whether an occupant of the shelter or not, is liable and shall be prosecuted.

Pets or domestic animals, except service animals, will not be allowed in the Emergency Shelter unless it is designated as a pet shelter.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER RULES

- 1) NO PETS INSIDE SHELTER
- 2) NO SMOKING IN SHELTER
- 3) NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN SHELTER
- 4) NO ILLEGAL DRUGS IN SHELTER
- 5) NO OFFENSIVE WEAPONS IN SHELTER
- 6) NO COOKING (STOVE, BBQ) IN SHELTER
- 7) SHELTEREES WILL ASSIST WITH HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES IN THE SHELTER
- 8) SHELTEREES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THEIR CHILDREN
- 9) ONLY BATTERY OPERATED LIGHTING ALLOWED IN SHELTER

Your Shelter Manager is responsible for and is in charge of the shelter. His/her word is final on all matters.

In addition the rules shown above will be posted and observed in the shelters.

## PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

You may be called on to assist with various duties within the shelter.

It is hoped that you will take the opportunity to assist with the smooth operation of the shelter for the benefit of everyone concerned.

Please note that you are responsible for your items.

Parents, guardians, or caregivers are responsible for the safety and welfare of their child or children and are expected to accompany their children when they use the bathrooms and to maintain supervision of them at all times.

Also, be advised that you are responsible for signing out before you leave the shelter.

## ASSISTANCE

Disasters can be a traumatic experience. There are volunteers within the shelter that can assist you with any emotional needs you may face. Please do not hesitate to ask.

## POST-DISASTER

Following an all-clear, there will be a sign out process for all shelterees.

You may be called on to assist with the cleanup, or reorganization of the shelter as well before you leave.

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