

NC Department of Health and Human Services

NC Home Care Aide Curriculum

Module 12 – Emergency Preparedness

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OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify the role of the home care aide in planning for a disaster**
- 2. Identify the role of the home care aide in planning for inclement weather**
- 3. Identify the role of the home care aide in responding to an emergency in the home**
- 4. Discuss the role of the home care aide in fire safety in the home environment**

MODULE 12-A

Planning for a Disaster



Disaster Preparedness Plan

- **Know the role of the home care aide in disaster preparedness**
- **Be aware of potential dangers**
- **Know how to react**
- **Know your agency's disaster preparedness plan**
- **If you are unsure or unprepared, ask your supervisor**



Man-made Disasters

- **Bomb threat**
- **Bombs**
- **Chemical threats**
- **Biological threats**



Local Resources



ACTIVITY #1

Emergency Responders



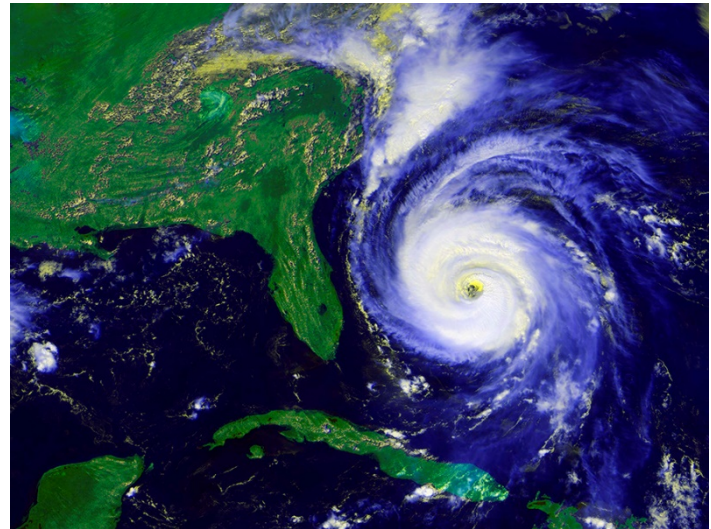
MODULE 12-B

Planning for Inclement Weather



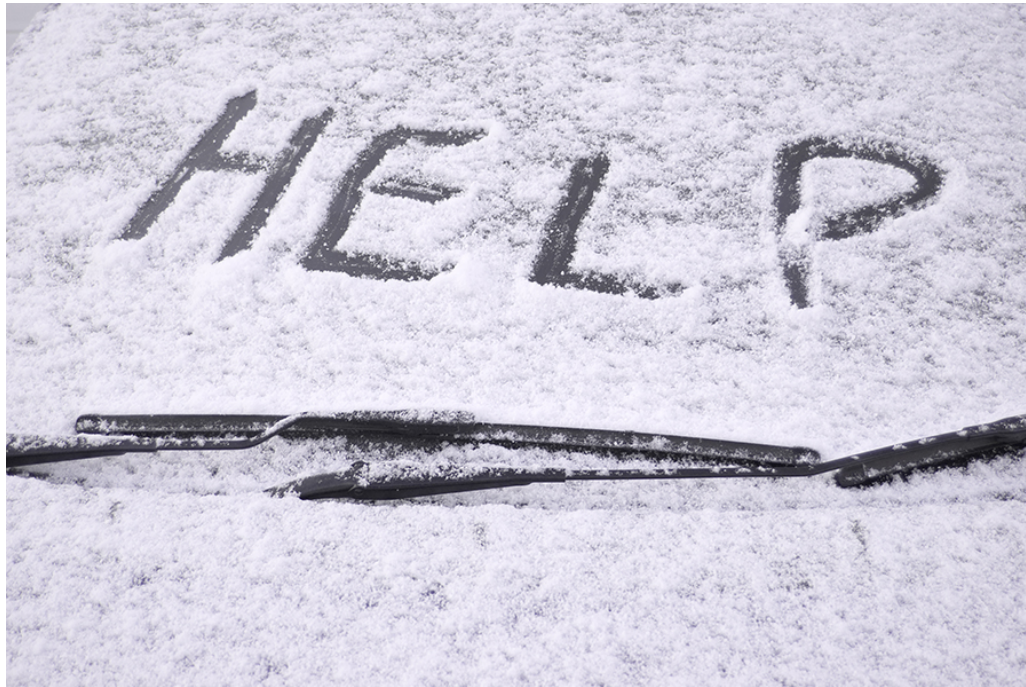
Inclement Weather

- **Hurricanes**
- **Tornadoes**
- **Thunder/lightning storms**
- **Floods**
- **Winter weather**



Handout #1

Prepare Your Car For Winter



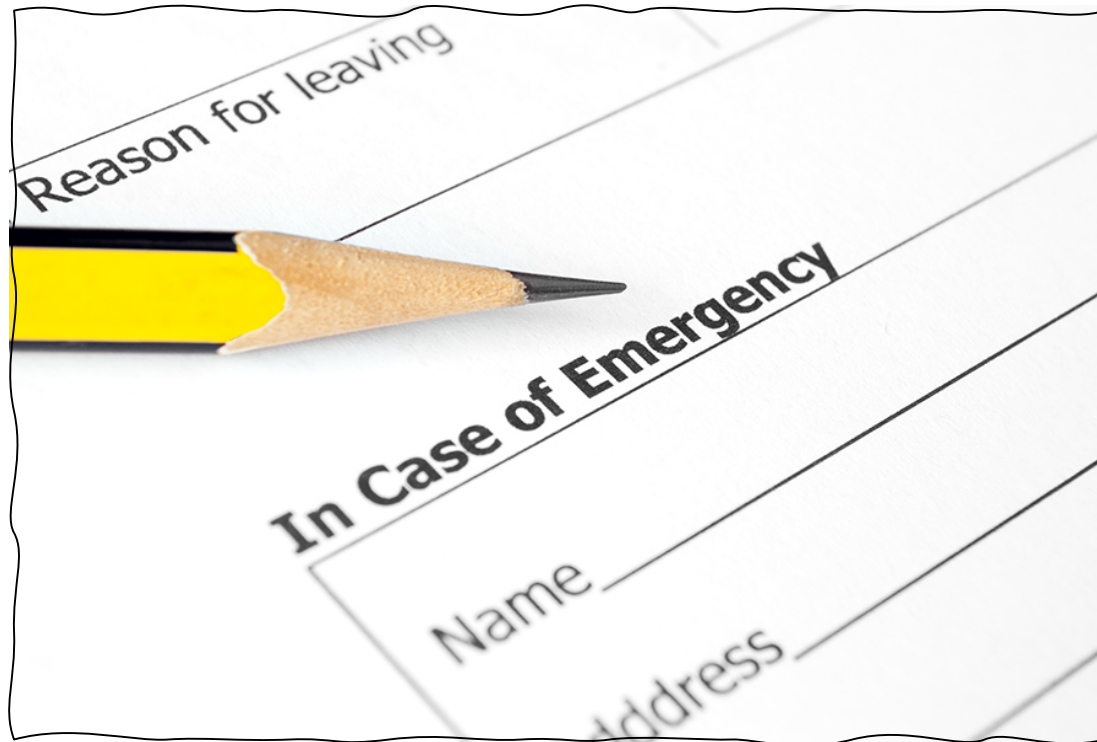
EMERGENCY PLAN

- **Plan of action for inclement weather**
- **Emergency contacts**
- **Medical information**



Handout #2

Emergency Information Sheets



MODULE 12-C

RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY IN THE HOME



Emergency Plan in Action

- If you are with a patient when a natural or man-made disaster occurs, it is important to remain calm
- Put your agency's emergency plan into action
- Do not leave your patient until it is safe to do so



EVACUATION

If you and your patient must evacuate...



MODULE 12-D

FIRE SAFETY



FIRE SAFETY PLAN

Decreased mobility, health, sight, and hearing may limit a person's ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency.



PATIENT FIRE HAZARDS

It is ok to remind the patient of possible hazards that the home care aide may see but **ALWAYS** report concerns to your supervisor!



ACTIVITY #2

SCENARIOS



BE PREPARED AND HAVE A PLAN



Whether faced with a natural disaster, a man-made disaster, or a fire hazard, being prepared and having a plan can save lives. Encourage your patients to have these life saving plans in place, and try to incorporate this same level of preparedness into your own life!