

Module 12

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness

- **Objectives** - At the end of the module, the nurse aide will be able to:
 1. Describe the role of the home care aide in planning for a disaster
 2. Describe the role of the home care aide in planning for inclement weather
 3. Describe 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

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- Be aware of potential dangers
- Know how to react
- Your agency should have a disaster preparedness plan
- If you are unsure or unaware, ask your supervisor



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- Bomb Threats
- Bombs
- Chemical Threats
- Biological Threats



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- Find local resources



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- Activity #1 – Emergency Responders

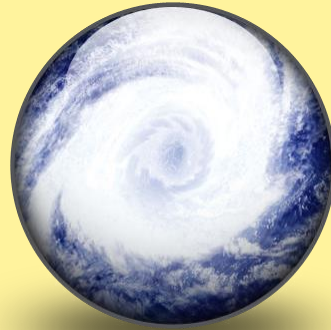


Module 12-B

PLANNING FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

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- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Thunder/
Lightening Storms
- Floods
- Winter Storms



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- Handout #1 – Prepare Your Car for Winter



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- Plan of action for inclement weather
- Emergency contacts
- Medical Information



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- Handout #2 – Emergency Information Sheets



Module 12-C

RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY IN THE HOME

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- 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



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- If you and your patient must evacuate...



Module 12-D

FIRE SAFETY

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- *“Decreased mobility, health, sight, and hearing may limit a person’s ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency.” www.firesafety.gov*



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



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- Activity #2 – Case Scenarios



- 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!