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b) Evacuation

If a flood forces you from your home, take with you:

- battery-powered radio and fresh spare batteries;
- flashlight with fresh spare batteries;
- warm clothing, waterproof outer garments and footwear, and blankets;
- essential medicines, infant care items, personal toiletries and as many emergency supplies as you can;
- means of identification for each member of your family;
- personal and family documents. These may have been stored electronically which you will be able to retrieve at a later time.

If using your car, drive with extreme care.

3. SEVERE STORMS

The heavy precipitation, strong winds and lightning that accompany such a storm can endanger lives and damage property. Know what types of storms could occur in your area and at what time of year they are likely to strike. The broadcast media co-operates to provide weather warnings. At some missions, the Mission Security Officer will keep you informed. The next step is to know what you can do to protect your family and your home.

a) Be Prepared

- Prepare your emergency pack. This should include an emergency food supply as well as extra clothing, blankets, medication, first aid items. Your battery-powered radio and fresh spare batteries should be included; these items may be your only link with the outside world. You may want to include tools for making emergency repairs in addition to flashlights, lanterns and/or other emergency lighting.
- Choose your shelter. Your basement, a storm cellar or fallout shelter, or a spot beneath stairs or underneath sturdy furniture on the ground floor in the centre of the building away from outside walls and windows are good places to weather storms.
- Avoid unnecessary worry and travel by arranging to have a family meeting place or system of communication after a storm to ensure no one is lost or in need of help. Do not rely on cellular telephones as communication towers may have been destroyed or circuits may be jammed.
- To ensure mobility afterwards, always have a full tank of gasoline in your car.

b) When a severe storm threatens

- During the season in which storms are likely to occur in your area, listen to a local radio or TV stations for warnings and advice. The Mission Security Officer will also keep you informed.