

SEVERE WEATHER PHENOMENA

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Be informed by the media (radio, television, etc) on the progress of the phenomena. The General Secretariat of Civil Protection and the National Meteorological Service are the formal sources of information.
- In case of emergency call the Police (100), the Fire brigade (199) the Hellenic Center for Emergency Care (166) or the European Emergency Call Number (112).
- Note the above mentioned phone numbers in a conspicuous position inside the house and make sure that your children are informed of them.
- Help your children learn important family data such as their last name, the address and the phone number of the house, your cell phone number etc.
- Explain to all family members how to recognize noises being the sign of a disaster (i.e. sirens), when and how to switch off electric power, natural gas and water supply, how to use the fire-extinguisher, how to call for help, etc
- Get emergency equipment, such as a torch, a portable radio functioning with batteries and a fire-extinguisher.
- Get a first aid kit.
- Take care of children and the elderly.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO MOVE....

- Be informed of the weather and the condition of the roads and be prepared, according to your destination, for any weather phenomena you may find (snow, ice, hail, rainfall, etc)
- Plan your movement in a way not to coincide with the peak of the weather phenomena. Travel during the day and prefer highways avoiding deserted and difficult to access roads. Furthermore, inform all your relatives of the itinerary you intend to follow.
- DO NOT ignore the instructions of the General Secretariat for Civil Protection, the weather forecasting and the instructions of the competent agencies, such as the Traffic Police, the Port Police, the Fire Brigade, etc.
- Check the situation of your car before attempting any movement.
- Provide your car with all necessary equipment in order to face any heavy weather phenomena (wheel chains, anti-freeze, first aid kit, raincoats, umbrellas, rubbers, a torch, etc).
- If you have to move on foot, put on suitable clothes and shoes. Be extremely careful in order to avoid being injured due to the slipperiness of the roads and pavements or due to objects falling by the wind or hail.
- Use public transport.
- Remain calm and be patient. Panic does not serve you. On the contrary, it makes the situation worse.

AFTER THE BAD WEATHER

- Be informed by the media (radio, television, etc) for eventual formal warnings or advice.
- Check the house and the rest of your properties to draw up a list of eventual damages.
- Notify the competent authorities in case you need help after having drawn up a list with damages.

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Try to facilitate the work of the competent authorities with your actions and presence.

Severe Weather Phenomena are:

- ➔ **Strong Winds**
- ➔ **Storms**
- ➔ **Snowfall/Severe Cold**
- ➔ **Frost**
- ➔ **Heat Wave**