

# Galveston Housing Authority Emergency Procedures

## Crime in Progress

- ☒ Report criminal or suspicious activity to emergency personnel by calling 911.
- ☒ If possible, get a description of any involved suspects or vehicles and provide information to police.

## Severe Weather/Tornado

- ☒ A tornado watch means that tornados are possible in the area.
- ☒ A tornado warning means that a tornado has actually been sighted somewhere in the warning area.
- ☒ If you can hear or see thunder and lightning, you should take cover indoors.
- ☒ If a tornado is sighted approaching your location:
  - Move to the interior hallway or lowest floor, or move to the inside wall of your room.
  - Avoid windows and take shelter beneath a desk or heavy furniture.
  - Assume a curled position to protect your head and eyes.

## Fire

- ☒ Upon discovering a fire, immediately pull the fire alarm.
- ☒ Dial 911 and give details about the fire to emergency personnel.
- ☒ Evacuate immediately, close doors behind you and do not stop for belongings.
- ☒ Evacuate at least 500 feet from the building and remain there until accounted for.
- ☒ Alert police and fire about potentially trapped victims.
- ☒ If the fire is small, use a fire extinguisher if you are trained.

## Medical Emergency

- ☒ Call 911 for emergency personnel.
- ☒ Do not move an injured person.
- ☒ Provide care if you are trained to do so.
- ☒ Avoid contact with blood or body fluids.
- ☒ Stay with the victim until emergency personnel arrive.

## Tropical Weather Systems

- ☒ Hurricane Season lasts from June 1 to November 30.
- ☒ A Hurricane Watch means that a hurricane poses a threat to the area within 36 hours.
- ☒ A Hurricane Warning means a hurricane conditions are expected in an area within 24 hours.
- ☒ When a voluntary evacuation is issued, GHA residents are encouraged to leave.
- ☒ Before evacuating, consult with GHA staff for housing needs and evacuation information.
- ☒ Stay tuned to local media, City of Galveston emergency information and GHA website for updates and information.

## Bomb Threat

- ☒ If you find a suspicious package, do not touch it. Call 911 for emergency personnel.
- ☒ If you receive a bomb threat by phone, remain calm and try to obtain as much information as possible.
- ☒ Follow instructions from emergency personnel.

## Important Emergency Numbers & Websites

In an emergency, dial 911

Galveston Police /Fire (non-emergency)

409-765-2702

Galveston Housing Authority

409-765-1900

GHA Website

<http://www.ghatx.org/default.aspx>



# EMERGENCIES – DIAL 911

