

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

**In an emergency, always call 911.**

Please provide the operator with answers to their questions in a clear and calm voice.

Countryside Police 352-2171

City of Countryside 354-7270

### *Other Law Enforcement Agencies:*

Hodgkins Police 352-4476

Indian Head Park Police 246-4534

McCook Police 447-1234

Lyons Police 447-1225

LaGrange Police 579-2334

Cook County Sheriff 865-4700

F.B.I. Chicago Office 1-312-431-1333

### *Fire Protection:*

Pleasantview Fire Protection 352-9229

### *Utilities:*

Commonwealth Edison 1-800-334-7661

Nicor Gas 1-888-Nicor4u

### *Hospitals:*

LaGrange Memorial Hospital 245-9000

Hinsdale Hospital 1-630-856-9000



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## MANUFACTURED HOMES

## MANUFACTURED HOME SAFETY GUIDE

PLAN, PREPARE, PRACTICE

### Safety Tips for residents of Manufactured Homes



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## What are manufactured homes?

Manufactured homes are a single-family home constructed in a controlled factory environment and built to the federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. They are designed and built for long-term residential use and are transported to a designated site and installed and hooked-up to public utilities.

### Home Hazards:

#### Fire

Fire is one of most common causes of death in the home with nearly 4,000 persons per year with more than 25,000 persons being injured. Electrical fires are one of the leading types of home fires, *especially in manufactured homes.*

#### Tornadoes / High Winds

Every year almost 80 people die and more than 1,500 people are injured in tornado related events. According to the National Weather Service, it is estimated that there is an average of 800+ tornados across the country that are reported and even more that occur in unpopulated areas that go unreported.

The guidelines that are contained within are designed to help safe guard yourself and your family against these dangers with manufactured home vulnerable to these dangers. You need to know what these threats are and how to plan, prepare and practice to protect you and your family.

### Fire and CO<sub>2</sub> Safety Tips:

- Install smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors – Place one at each end of the home regardless of sleeping space arrangements. Make sure to test at least every 6 months and replace batteries yearly
- Have at least two fire extinguishers within the home. One in the cooking area and one in the mechanical room. ABC types can be used on all fire types.
- Never block exit doors. Don't put furniture close to the exists or seal off exists
- Use fire retardants – While these will not prevent fire, they will slow the spreading of the fire to allow time to escape.
- Have an evacuation plan and practice it. Plan with the whole family and develop at least two escape routes.
- Develop a central meeting and calling point for all family members to use.
- Teach small children how to open windows, where to meet outside in a fire and how to dial 911.

### In the Event of Fire:

- Never go back into the home after leaving.
- Before going into another room, feel the door with the back of your hand before opening them. If there is smoke and heat exit the home through an alternate route.
- Stay low and crawl to the nearest exit.
- If your clothes catch fire – Stop-Drop and Roll to extinguish the flames.
- Call 911 immediately or from a neighbor's house.

### Tornado / High Wind Safety Tips:

- Be sure your home is installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, state and local regulations.
- Purchase additional tie downs to secure your home.
- Be aware that tornadoes and high wind can occur in Countryside.
- Closely monitor weather reports. Know the difference between a Watch and a Warning.
- Teach your family about tornado safety.
- Have an evacuation place and practice it. Plan with the whole family and develop escape routes.
- Talk with the property management to see what safety shelters are available.
- Countryside residents can utilize City Hall at 5550 East Avenue as a tornado shelter.

### In the Event of a Tornado:

- Evacuate your manufactured home and seek shelter.
- DO NOT try to outrun a tornado in your car.
- Seek Shelter – specifically designed for this purpose with the trailer park or elsewhere.
- If there is not time to evacuate, locate a low lying area, lying flat and covering your head and neck area.
- If in a ditch, be aware that flash flooding may occur with the storm creating the tornado.



Even tied down a manufactured home is not safe in a tornado