



# EMERGENCY EVACUATION

A MONTHLY SAFETY TOPIC  
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# INTRODUCTION


Vacation rental properties are a popular choice for many travelers, providing a comfortable and convenient home away from home. However, in the event of an emergency such as a fire, severe weather, or any other unexpected situation, it is essential to have a well-planned evacuation plan in place. This handout has been designed to help vacation rental owners, managers, employees, and contractors understand the importance of having clear and effective evacuation procedures in place to ensure the safety of guests staying at the property.

## Importance of Emergency Evacuation

It is crucial for everyone involved in the management of vacation rental properties to understand their role and responsibilities in case of an emergency, and to take the necessary steps to ensure that guests are safely evacuated from the property.

# ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF GUESTS DURING AN EMERGENCY

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-  Do provide guests with at least two exits or ways to evacuate from each floor level.
-  Do ensure safe egress from upper floors in a house, such as a rope ladder or stairs.
-  Do provide guests with information on how to evacuate the location in the event of severe weather or conditions.
-  Do provide Property Manager or contact information to guests.
-  Don't use elevators during an emergency evacuation.

## Maintenance

- Conduct regular inspections of exits and emergency equipment to ensure their proper functioning.
- Ensure that emergency lighting and fire alarms are in good working order.

## Emergency Information & Instructions Verification Checklist

- Emergency evacuation instructions are available for the house or condo and building if multiple floors.
- There are at least two exits or ways to exit from each floor level.
- Safe egress from upper floors in a house, such as a rope ladder or stairs, is provided.
- Information on how to evacuate the location in the event of severe weather or conditions is provided.

## CONCLUSION

Emergency evacuation procedures are essential for the safety of guests staying at vacation rental properties. Owners, managers, employees, and contractors must take the necessary steps to ensure that clear and effective evacuation procedures are in place. By following the guidelines outlined in this handout, you can help ensure that guests are prepared and informed in the event of an emergency.