



## MOBILE HOMES ARE NOT SAFE HAVENS

While mobile and manufactured homes are great places to call home, they are NEVER good shelters during a hurricane. Mobile and manufactured homes can be severely damaged from the hurricane-force winds and flying debris. This was proved true again during the storms of 2004 and 2005 when homes built after 1994, to the tougher standards, sustained damage when they were flipped off their foundations or damaged by flying debris.

No matter the category of storm, whenever an evacuation order is given, **all mobile and manufactured home residents must evacuate.** Mobile and manufactured home residents need to have an evacuation plan in case a hurricane threatens. One word of caution – most mobile home park recreation centers are not rated to withstand high winds, either. Ask your park's management what plans – if any – are in place for sheltering options and for evacuation notification.

### **Annually check your tie down and anchoring system:**

- Look for possible rusting of anchors and connections.
- Tighten the straps if necessary.
- Add anchors and straps where possible.

### **Check for wood rot and termite damage at connections, joists and trusses:**

- Investigators have found that failures at these points allowed air to penetrate the home's air-tight envelope and led to structure failure.