

# **SANDY HILL ACTION PLAN for EMERGENCIES (SHAPE)**

**To be Distributed to Seasonal Campers,**

**Posted in the Office and Posted to Sandy Hill Websites.**

1. **Background.** Sandy Hill Family Camp, Inc, located at 5752 Sandy Hill Road, Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland, lies within a regulated floodplain as defined by applicable Federal, State and County regulations. It is the stated intention of Sandy Hill management (herein subsequently referred to as “We”) to comply with these regulations and to insure readiness for other natural or manmade disasters. In order to best comply with these regulations, we publish and maintain this SHAPE document. It shall be used to inform our campers with the stated goal of saving lives, preventing property damage and to be responsible members of the community. It will be updated as needed.
2. **Discussion.** Disasters that are covered by SHAPE can be broken down into two categories, Natural and Manmade. Of these two categories, Natural are much more likely and life-threatening with greater associated property damage.
3. **Nothing in this policy implies or is intended to imply that Sandy Hill Family Camp, Inc., or its management and employees, accepts liability for campers’ and guests’ safety other than normal Recreation Vehicle/Tourist Camp business liability. This policy exists to remind people that they are responsible for their own safety and protection of their own personal property. Anything we will do in accordance with this policy is only to assist you in this regard in good faith. We remind our campers that they must maintain appropriate insurance on yourselves and your belongings. Additionally, we remind campers that 911 Emergency Services are the appropriate responders to any immediate, life-threatening situations. We will want to be informed of any such situation, and will assist in any way possible, but we do not wish to imply that we are a substitute for Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or appropriate Utility Company owned equipment or responses.**
4. **Natural Disasters and responses. (From most to least likely)**
  - a. **Hurricanes and similar storms:**

Damages and threats likely from flooding, rough surf conditions, high winds, downed trees, lightning strikes and power outages.

Due to Sandy Hill being located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, it is likely to be affected occasionally by hurricane type storms.

We will ensure campers comply with applicable Sandy Hill policies to properly secure their personal property and advise them that they are to maintain current road-readiness for their Recreational Vehicles (RV's).

- i. Upon approach of a predicted hurricane or similar type storm, we will begin to monitor the situation to assess likely impacts to Sandy Hill. If it becomes likely that our general area will be affected substantially, we will follow county guidance for potential evacuation. Additionally, and likely before mandatory evacuation, we will begin to contact seasonal campers to encourage them to remove their Recreational Vehicles (RV's) to safer locations outside of Sandy Hill. We will make decisions with our seasonal campers as to best course of action to include, us staging the RV's on high ground and for easier accessibility to remove their RV's, assist them in hooking up and removing items from their sites. We will encourage them, regardless of the decision to remove the RV, to remove as much potential debris as possible from their sites. Also, we will make decisions as to when to ask transient campers to leave Sandy Hill premises.
- ii. All decisions will be made with the primary goal of preserving life first with minimizing property damage as a secondary goal.
- iii. Contact will be made in the normal way that we regularly contact our campers, which is to say, via phone, email and posting to our websites.

**b. Tornadoes:**

Damages and threats likely from high winds, downed trees, and power outages.

Tornadoes are unlikely in our area and by their very nature are quick occurring events with little to no warning, although they are somewhat predictable when certain weather conditions are present. We will warn campers that are present as to known threats and encourage them to seek shelter in our bathhouse if a tornado is imminent. The bathhouse is a one story, block building on a concrete pad foundation with interior block structural walls, metal doors and few small windows located above eyelevel. It could accommodate 40 to 60 people in an emergency.

**c. Ice storms and blizzards:**

Ice storms and blizzards generally occur when our business is closed for camping. Damages and threats likely from dangerous road conditions, high winds, downed trees, slip conditions and power outages.

In the unlikely event that an ice storm or blizzard would occur while we have campers staying at Sandy Hill, we would either ask them to evacuate or assist them to shelter in place until the threat has passed. We would not ask them to evacuate if dangerous road conditions exist unless so ordered by the county.

Any decision to evacuate would be dependent on closely monitoring approaching storms with a decision to evacuate early enough to avoid the threat.

**5. Manmade disasters and responses.**

**a. Fires: (Could also occur from or in conjunction with natural occurrences)**

- i. Contact 911 for a Fire or EMS response.
- ii. If appropriate and able, give first aid.
- iii. Inform management.

**b. Gas leaks and/or explosions:**

- i. Shut off any source of gas or ignition if safe to do so.
- ii. Contact 911 for a Fire or EMS response if needed.
- iii. If appropriate and able, give first aid.
- iv. Inform management.

**c. Electrical dangers or problems:**

- i. Shut of any source of electrical hazard if safe to do so and the source is obvious.
- ii. Contact 911 for a Fire or EMS response if needed.
- iii. If appropriate and able, give first aid.
- iv. Inform management.

**d. Medical Emergencies:**

- i. Contact 911 for an EMS response if needed.
- ii. If appropriate and able, give first aid.
- iii. Inform management.

**6. Other situations not addressed in this policy:**

- a. Nothing in this policy can substitute for common sense.
- b. Contact management if unsure what to do. We will assist you with common sense as best we can.