Level I
Shower Unit Manual
Operation of Shower Unit

1. One shampoo and two pump bottles of soap in each shower. One pump bottle in shower stall and one on sink.
2. Refill pump bottles of soap from large bottle of soap. Do not throw away pump bottles unless broken.
3. There are totes of bath mats and totes of scrub rags.
4. Set totes of towels and wash cloths on each side of trailer. Individuals can pick up towels as needed.
5. Mesh hampers are used for dirty towels, wash cloths, bathmats, and scrub rags.
6. Place a bath mat on the floor by the shower to keep the floor dry. Use rubber mats one on top step/one on the ground.
7. While the shower is being used, turn on exhaust system by the two switches on the ceiling of the mechanical room.
8. Leave shoes on OUTSIDE two purposes: No locks on inside of door-Less dirt taken into shower. Easier to clean after each shower.
9. Every morning clean each shower with ¾ cup of bleach in gallon of COLD water.
10. Wipe down sink, shower stall, floor, trash can and chair with bleach water.
11. Let stand for five minutes. Rinse off with clean water. Let air dry.
12. Lay clean bath mat on floor. Replace chair and trash can.
13. After each shower use spray cleaner to clean shower, sink, chair seat, and floor. Lay down clean bath mat.
14. When closing down showers at night close shower curtains. This allows water to run off shower curtains.
15. When shower curtains get dirty - wash in washing machine and rehang. The shower unit is to be available for showers 24/7 if needed.
16. Check with Blue Cap on hours that we staff the trailer-suggested times 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
17. Launder towels, washcloths, floor mats, and scrub rags during the day.
18. This takes priority over other laundry during the day.
19. Launder worker’s clothes if time allows.
20. Count showers and laundry loads each day and report on formstack.
VII. Guidelines for Volunteers

Safety Guidelines

Stay in good health and physical condition, as much as possible. Have regular physical examinations. Consult your physician about your involvement in disaster relief.

1. Get recommended inoculations: tetanus, typhoid, diphtheria, and influenza (in winter).
2. Take medications as prescribed by your physician. If possible, have a backup prescription order for medications.
3. Work within your strengths and limitations---physical (strength and health), emotional (stress management), and mental (knowledge and skills).
4. Take along personal health items, which you have found helpful to your comfort and health.
5. Take and wear clothing, foot wear, and special equipment suited to the task and conditions: moisture, standing, heavy work, rough terrain, nails and glass, and danger areas.
6. Avoid extended sitting or standing in the same position, sun exposure, water exposure, heat and cold areas (especially where it’s damp).
7. Eat regularly and increase water intake according to heat and workload.
8. Rest when you can. Some people can work longer, some not. Gauge yourself. Don’t be intimidated by what others do if it affects your strength and usefulness.
9. Sleeping may be difficult. Try to arrange what is best for you.
10. Use caution in danger areas: electricity, traffic, broken glass, nails, and so forth.
11. Avoid constipation and diarrhea. (Diet change, travel, daily routine change, emotional stress all can cause problems of this kind.)
12. Report all cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions, strains, et cetera, to the first aid coordinator.
13. Complete personal and medical information prior to or immediately after arriving on the disaster site. See next page, (It is strongly recommended that you have this done with copies available upon arrival at disaster site.)
14. Become familiar with policy and procedures for on-site illness and injuries.

(The above safety guidelines have appeared in a number of state disaster relief manuals)
Safety Suggestions

Disaster, by the very name, indicates turmoil and confusion in the situation. Normal procedures have been totally disrupted. Therefore, every precaution must be taken by the response worker to ensure safety. Following are suggestions to help protect the safety of workers.

1. Before entering damaged buildings, be sure that all utilities (electricity, gas, etc.) have been cut off. (Check with utility companies, if necessary.)
2. Always assume that fallen electrical lines are live until power companies notify you that they are cut off. Even then, use care around lines since they can become live due to generators improperly used in homes.
3. Wear safety equipment as provided and required. Heavy-soled shoes, gloves and hard hats should be used in any disaster area.
4. Before entering any building examine the structure for damage and safety needs.
5. Carry adequate lighting to be used when entering dark buildings.
6. If you are unfamiliar with motorized tools, do not attempt to use them until properly trained.
7. When using power saws, use protective clothing and do not work alone.
8. In flood situations do not enter flooded homes or basements without probing to determine holes or hidden objects.
9. After floods, always protect against snakes in clean-up work. They find dark corners and covered areas as good hiding places.
10. Never drink water from an affected area until it is verified as safe.
11. Take care to rest and do not overdo physical limitations. You could become a victim. If you are on medication, be sure to have an adequate supply.
12. In clean-up and repair take care to put up tools, ladders, et cetera, to prevent children from playing on them.
13. Make safety a priority and rest and meals a necessity so that you can achieve the full effectiveness of you and your team.

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Ethical Guidelines

Each disaster is unique and each experience different in disaster response. A worker must take care not to undo the good of the work by some careless, unthinking word or action.

1. Workers must remember that they represent their church and their Lord. Attitudes and actions should demonstrate the teachings of Christ.
2. One must remember that personal words and actions will reflect on all other workers.
3. Workers should take time to listen to victims. Never be so busy in response to physical needs that you forget the people you have come to help. In most cases their greatest need is a friend to listen.
4. Never attempt to meet physical or personal needs that you are not trained to handle. Always be willing to refer the victim or the problem to the adequate help needed.
5. Always respect the belongings and property of the victim. Remember that something that seems worthless to you may be a precious memory to the victim.
6. Never accept contributions from the people you help. If they ask to make a contribution, refer them to an address where they may send a donation.
7. Workers have a unique opportunity to put faith into action. Their ministries will open doors for personal witnessing. Always be prepared to share as opportunity arises.
8. Always be sensitive to the fact that information shared by a victim in confidence should stay that way. They have placed confidence in you to respect their privacy.
9. When taking pictures of disaster damage, be sensitive to the people involved. If they are present, always ask permission.
10. When sharing information about help available to victims, always be sure of your information. Do not build up hope of help that may not be available.
11. In sharing information about a disaster situation, always be sure of facts.

Never be part of rumors that arise after a disaster.

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