Work Instruction

HNL-09312 SEVERE WEATHER



Work description: Severe Weather

Scope: Preparation for, emergency response to, and recovery from Severe Weather

References: HNL-09007 Emergency Management Plan
City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management Hyper Alert, Emergency Notification System

PPE and precautions Competencies or qualifications Licenses or permits required

N/A N/A N/A

Tools and equipment required

Two-way radios and / or mobile phones for ERT Leaders



Warning

Hurricanes are part of a family of storms known as Tropical Cyclones that are very large and produce three life-threatening effects:

- High winds in excess of 74 mph
- Storm surges that can exceed 40 feet
- Heavy rains that will exceed flash flood conditions

Severe Weather	The National Weather Service Central Pacific Hurricane Center issues watches and warnings for tropical cyclones			
Preparedness	Watch - Prepare to evacuate			
	Warning - Evacuate;			
OCC Response to Severe Weather	The following steps must be taken by the OCC in response to the different Alert Levels to protect people, assets and the railway			
Alert Levels	Watch	Alert all staff and passengers		
		Prepare for evacuation		
		Monitor for updates		
OCC	Warning	Instruct all passengers and staff to:		
		Make their way to and remain inside buildings		
		Move to higher ground where applicable		
Severe Weather Response All	 Remain Alert - Violent weather occasionally develops so rapidly that advance warning is impossible. If you observe an approaching storm, notify your fellow employees. Examples: Flash Flood, High Winds, Lightning Strikes Remain inside building Flash Flood- move to higher ground, stay away from stream/river banks and openings. Do not attempt to cross fast moving waters. High Winds –Wind speeds in excess of 25 mph shall cause a cease work for all crane and aerial lift operations. Wind speeds of 35 mph can cause hazardous conditions from flying debris, seek shelter indoors and stay away from windows. Lightning Strikes – all field workers shall cease operations and seek shelter indoors. Obey the directions of the ERT personnel and information provided by Hyper-Alert. 			
Instructions for	All ERT Leaders and E	RT member reached by any Emergency calls / Alert, must follow the following procedure:		
ERT ERT	ERT Leaders	 Reach the Sheltered Areas and manage the emergency from that point. Maintain the contact with Local Authorities and Sheltered Areas by two-way radio and or cellular telephone if available Refer to location specific Emergency Response Plans for additional information regarding evacuation routes, rendezvous points etc 		
	ERT Members	 Assist all personnel and visitors to reach the designated shelter in place area. Close External Building doors 		
Reinstatement of Service / Access	visual inspection befo	should lead to the closing of the location or the guideway, HRH staff will do a complete ore the area can be placed back in service. This inspection is required every time the area is a threatening event does not take place.		

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