



Flood

Building Risk Assessment Form

Flood Building Risk Assessment			
Head Start Program: _____			
	Y	N	Necessary Action
Do you have flood insurance?			
Is your building located in a 100-year flood plain?			
Are information systems and vital records securely backed up offsite?			
Is the building built with moisture- and decay-resistant materials?			
Are furnace, water heater, and electric panel located on a floor less likely to be flooded? Note: Water heaters can be the best source of fresh water after a flood.			
Is the building foundation deep enough to resist scour and erosion?			
Is the foundation set on piles, piers, or columns that allow the free flow of flood water?			
Are structural connectors corrosion resistant?			
Do structural connections distribute the load continuously from roof to foundation?			
Do exterior walls contain structural sheathing in high-wind areas?			
Is major electrical equipment protected from rising flood waters?			
Does plumbing contain check valves to prevent floodwater from backing up drains?			
Are gas and electric power systems, and sewer lines located near evacuation routes or exterior assembly areas?			
Are all utility shutoffs located and correctly labeled?			
Are the tools for shutting off lines handy?			
Are hallways and exits lined with lockers, bookshelves, or other storage units where items could break loose and impede evacuation or rescue?			
Does the facility have a handicap lift or chair in stairwells that might cause a blockage and reduce the flow of evacuating children and staff?			
Are basement walls sealed with waterproofing compounds to prevent seepage?			
Does the property contain barriers such as levees, berms, or flood walls where building codes permit to stop the flow of floodwater into the building?			
Are you stocked with sand and sturdy bags for placement around thresholds?			
Is there emergency lighting or sunlight to illuminate stairs and hallways if the facility loses electric power?			
Do you have generator or battery back-up power?			

