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DISASTER RECOVERY INFORMATION

HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKLIST

The following checklist is a tool for contractors and homeowners to use after a flood or disaster. It is designed to aid in the clean-up process, but is not a pre-requisite.

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Initial post-flood safety		
Is the initial clean-up of water, mud and debris complete?		
Have all sources of potable water and sewage been checked, repaired, and declared safe?		
Have all protruding nails and splinters been removed from damaged or exposed wooden areas?		
Has all food contaminated by flood water been discarded?		
Have hands been cleaned before eating or drinking after working with flood-affected materials?		
Have any cuts been disinfected and immediately covered up?		
Have all sealed food containers been carefully cleaned before opening?		
Electricity		
Has power been disconnected?		
Has the electricity supply been inspected by an electrician and declared safe?		
Has flood debris been removed from electrical switchboards and wall sockets?		
Have all electrical switches, plates and fittings been removed or safely re-fixed by a licensed electrician?		
Have all affected appliances (eg. air conditioners, washing machines, refrigerators etc) been tested and certified safe for use?		
Safety during strip-out		
Have all absorbent items saturated by contaminated flood water that cannot be cleaned been disposed of? For example:		
- plasterboard / wall linings		
- insulation		
- water-damaged mattresses		
- water damaged furniture		
- carpets		
Have all items that could prevent drying been removed from the home?		
Have plinths (kickers) been removed from beneath kitchen and bathroom cabinets?		
Have all affected internal wall linings been removed?		
Have wet ceilings been removed or had holes drilled into them to help drying?		
Has all mud/silt/debris been removed from:		
- underneath baths?		
- in kitchen recesses		
- in and below cupboards?		
- under stairs?		
- under floorboards?		
- in basements?		
- in wall cavities between internal linings and claddings?		
- in electrical switchboards and wall sockets?		
- in sanitary fittings such as toilets and cisterns?		
- in masonry veneer cavities?		
- in parts of the building's steel frame (particularly the bottom plate)?		