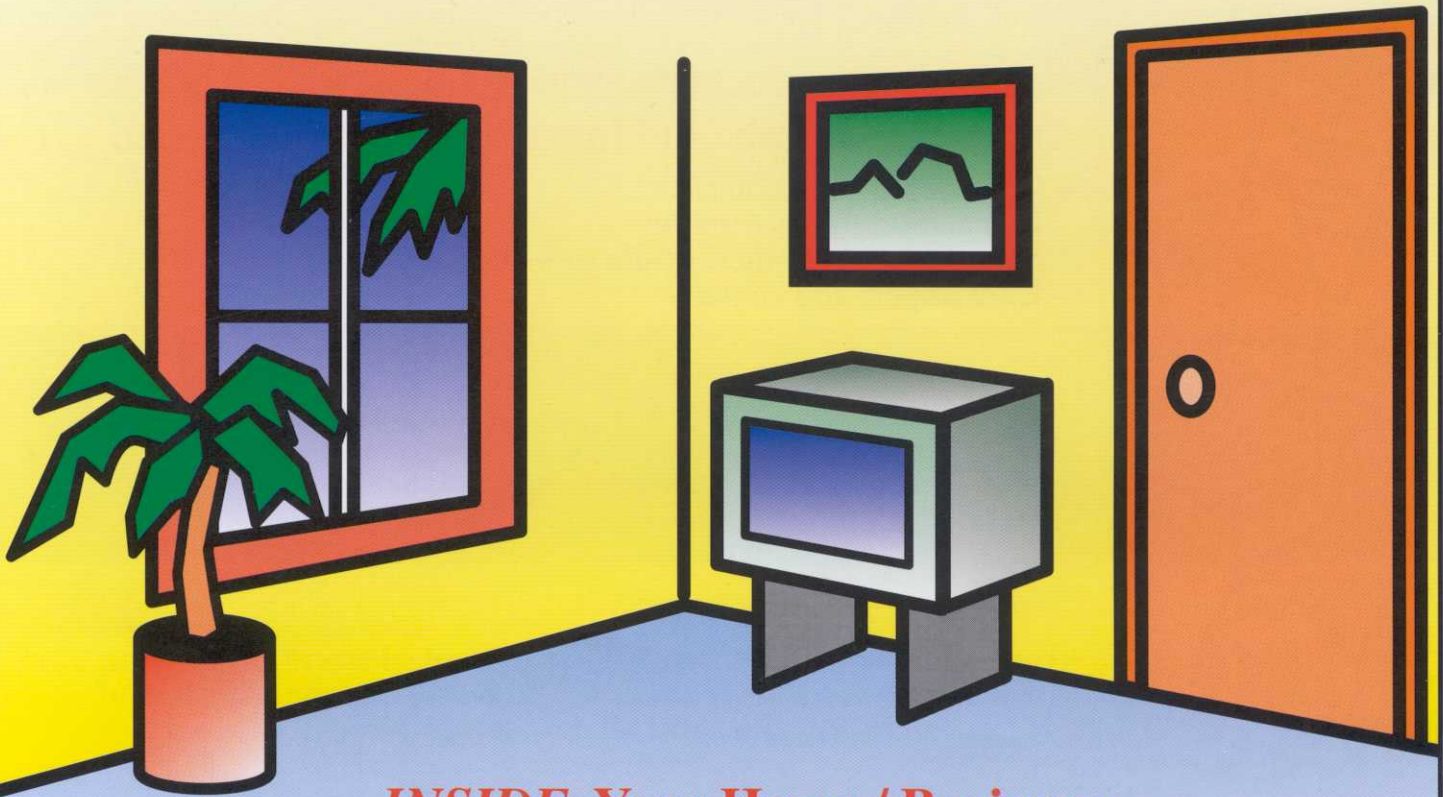


SECURING

Inside Homes and Businesses



INSIDE Your Home / Business

- Tape glass windows on the inside with large Xs to reduce shattering. Draw drapes and blinds as added protection. If glass windows have not been boarded or taped, attach a cloth over the inside of the windows to protect from shattering. (Taping of windows will not protect them from breaking but will lessen the hazard of flying glass.)
- Wedge sliding glass doors with a brace or broom handle to prevent them from being lifted from their tracks or from being ripped loose by wind vibrations.
- Unplug all unnecessary appliances. Shut off gas valves.
- Turn refrigerators and freezers to coldest setting. Do not open unless necessary. (This is done in case power is lost during the storm.)
- If you are going to evacuate your premises shut off electricity at main switch, and gas and water at their main valves.
- Package your valuables such as jewelry, titles, deeds, insurance papers, licenses, stocks, bonds, inventory, etc. for safekeeping in waterproof containers. Take these valuables with you if you are going to evacuate your premises.

NOTE: You should complete your securement well before the hazards arrive.