

# HAZARDS AND THREATS: ADVERSE WEATHER

## EXTREME COLD

### IF THE LIGHTS GO OUT

If you lose electrical service during the winter, follow these tips:

- Call your utility first to determine area repair schedules. Turn off or unplug lights and appliances to prevent a circuit overload when service is restored. Leave one light on to indicate power has been restored.
- To help prevent freezing pipes, turn on faucets slightly. Running water will not freeze as quickly.
- Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning:
  - **DO NOT...**  
Operate a generator indoor as the motor will emit deadly carbon monoxide gas.
  - **DO NOT...**  
Use charcoal to cook indoors. It, too, can cause a buildup of carbon monoxide gas.
  - **DO NOT...**  
Use your gas oven to heat your home -- prolonged use of an open oven in a closed house can create carbon monoxide gas.
  - Make sure fuel space heaters are used with proper ventilation.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to help reduce food spoilage.