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TO: | PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS |  |
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|  | ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS |
|  | School DRRM Coordinator |

FROM: CHERRY MAE L. LIMBACO, Ph.D., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

## re: PROMOTING FAMILY EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

1. Department of Education (DepEd) promotes Family Earthquake Preparedness to all elementary and secondary schools and instructs all schools to conduct the following activities as part of their respective overall preparedness plan:
a. all learners shall be required to accomplish the family earthquake preparedness homework (Enclosure No. 1 (Filipino) or Enclosure No. 3 (English) for K to Grade 2 and SPED; Enclosure No. 2 (Filipino) or Enclosure No. 4 (English) for Grade 3 to Grade 10 with their families and submit it to their respective class advisers;
b. all class advisers shall discuss each of the questions with the students along with their family's responses to the homework using the guidance notes (Enclosure No. 5) during the homeroom sessions;
c. all class advisers shall tabulate and summarize the answers on the family earthquake preparedness assessment questions and submit it to the school administration; and
d. all school heads shall present and discuss the results to the ParentsTeachers Association (PTA) and barangay officials for consideration in the school and community preparedness planning.
2. The Guidelines support DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2007 (Prioritizing the Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the School System and Implementation of Programs and Projects Relative Therefor) and DepEd Order No. 21, s. 2015 (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Coordination and Information Management Protocoll, which seek to engage different education stakeholders, especially learners and their families on disaster prevention and preparedness.
3. A PDF file (Promofing Family Earthquake Preparedness) is available for download at www.depedmisor.net under Downloadables $\rightarrow$ Presentations \& Powerpoints or see attached file.
4. Upon completion of this activity, all school heads shall report via SMS through 09151789312 (Central Office) and 09178992245 (Division Office) following this format: School ID, Date of Completion, name of School Head, Position (ex: 101010, day, month, year, Ceille Peralta, Principal IV).
5. Please be advised that the DepEd Central Office will submit names of school heads that have completed the activity to the Division Office to monitor and follow up those who haven't.
6. Deadline of SMS report is on November 29, 2016. There is no need to submit hard copy reports.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.
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## PROMOTING FAMILY EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

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4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this DepEd Order is directed.


BR. ARLIN A. HUISTRO FEC
Secretary

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References:
DepEd Order Nos.: (21, s. 2015 and 55, s. 2007)
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## (Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Order No. 27, s. 2015)

## Mga Tanong para sa Paghahanda ng Pamilya Para sa Lindol (K-2, SPED)

Patnubay: Ang magulang, tagapag-alaga, at/o nakatatandang kapamilya ng mag-aaral ay inaasahang sagutin ang mga sumusunod na tanong sa kasama ang mag-aaral.

## Bago ang Lindol

(Bilugan ang napiling sagot sa bawat katanungan.)

| 1. | Alam ba natin ang mga emergency numbers ng lokal na tanggapan ng pamatay-sunog, pulis, pagamutan, at mga kawani ng barangay? $\text { Oo } \quad \text { Hindi } \quad \begin{gathered} \text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado } \end{gathered}$ |  | Alam ba natin ang pinakamalapit na ligtas na lugar mula sa ating bahay na maaaring paglikasan pagkatapos ng lindol? <br> Oo Hindi $\begin{gathered}\text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado }\end{gathered}$ |
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| 3. In Case of | Alam ba ng buong pamilya ang earthquake evacuation plan sa kani-kanilang mga paaralan at trabaho? $\text { Oo } \quad \text { Hindi } \quad \begin{gathered} \text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado } \end{gathered}$ |  | Alam ba natin kung paano ililikas ang mga bata, may kapansanan at/o matatanda na kasama natin sa bahay? $\text { Oo } \quad \text { Hindi } \quad \begin{gathered} \text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Alam ba ng buong pamilya ang nararapat na unang pagtugon sa tuwing may lindol (Duck-Cover-Hold)? $\text { Oo } \quad \text { Hindi } \quad \begin{gathered} \text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado } \end{gathered}$ |  | Ang mga mabibigat bang bagay o kasangkapan na maaring makasakit ng tao ay hindi nakalagay sa matataas na lugar? <br> Oo Hindi $\begin{gathered}\text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado }\end{gathered}$ |
|  | Ang mga mabibigat bang kasangkapan sa tahanan ay nakakabit sa pader o sahig? <br> Oo Hindi $\begin{gathered}\text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado }\end{gathered}$ | 8. | Nag-iimbak ba tayo ng pagkain o inuming tubig para sa posibleng lindol? <br> Oo Hindi $\begin{gathered}\text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado }\end{gathered}$ |
| 9. | Alam ba ng buong pamilya kung ang ating tahanan ay malapit sa anumang katawang tubig gaya ng lawa, dagat o ilog? <br> Oo Hindi $\begin{gathered}\text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado }\end{gathered}$ |  | Bilang maring resulta ng lindol, alam ba ng buong pamilya kung tayo ay nasa panganib na dulot ng tsunami? $\text { Oo } \quad \text { Hindi } \quad \begin{gathered} \text { Hindi } \\ \text { Sigurado } \end{gathered}$ |

Sa pamantayang $1-5$, kung saan ang 1 ang pinakamababa at 5 ang pinakamataas, ilarawan ang inyong antas ng kahandaan bago ang lindol. Bilugan ang inyong sagot.

## Tuwing Lindol

(Isulat ang sagot sa bawat patlang.)


Kung ang lindol ay nangyari habang tayo ay naglalakbay, ano ang nararapat na unang tugon para dito?

## Answer



Kung ang lindol ay nangyari habang tayo ay nasa bahay, ano ang ating magiging unang tugon para dito?

## Answer

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Kung ang lindol ay nangyari habang tayo ay nasa bahay, paano natin gagawin ang paglikas? Answer
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Kung ang lindol ay nangyari habang tayo ay naglalakbay, saan magkikita-kita ang ating pamilya pagkatapos tumigil ng pagyanig?

## Answer



Kung mayroong nasaktan sa ating pamilya o kasama sa bahay, ano ang nararapat na unang tugon para dito?

## Answer

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Kung ang itinalagang evacuation area ay nasira ng lindol, saan ang ibang lugar na maari nating paglikasan?

## Answer



Kung mawala ang linya ng komunikasyon, gaano katagal maghihintayan ang pamilya sa napag-usapang lugar ng pagkikita?

## Answer

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Sa pamantayang $1-5$, kung saan ang 1 ang pinakamababa at 5 ang pinakamataas, ilarawan ang inyong antas ng kahandaan bago ang lindol. Bilugan ang inyong sagot.
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## Pagkatapos ng Lindol at Unang Pagyanig

(Bilugan ang napiling sagot sa bawat katanungan.)


Alam ba natin kung saan matatawagan ang mga kasama natin sa bahay?


Alam ba natin kung kailan dapat lumikas?


Alam ba nating delikado ang pagbalik sa ating tahanan matapos ang lindol dahil sa mga posibleng epekto ng mga susunod na pagyanig?

Oo $\quad$ Hindi | Hindi |
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Tayo ba ay handa para sa mga epekto ng mga susunod na pagyanig tulad ng sunog, tuluyang pagkasira ng bahay o gusali?

Oo $\quad$ Hindi | Hindi |
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Ang karamihan sa mga sagot ay dapat na oo. Para sa mga tanong kung saan hindi o hindi sigurado ang inyong sagot iminumungkahi na hingin ang tulong ng nararapat na opisina o tanggapan ukol dito.

Pinatototohanan ng may lagda na ang lahat ng tanong sa itaas ay sinagot, naintindihan at pinag-usapan ng buong pamilya:

Lagda ng magulang/tagapag-alaga/nakatatanda sa pamilya: $\qquad$
Pangalan ng magulang/tagapag-alaga / nakatatanda sa pamilya: $\qquad$

Mga Tanong para sa Paghahanda ng Pamilya Para sa Lindol (Gr. 3-10)

Patnubay: Ang bawat mag-aaral ay inaatasang kapanayamin ang kanilang mga magulang, tagapag-alaga, at/o nakatatandang kapamilya upang sagutin ang mga sumusunod na tanong sa paghahanda.

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Oo Hindi

Hindi Sigurado


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Ang mga mabibigat bang bagay o kasangkapan na maaring makasakit ng tao ay hindi nakalagay sa matataas na lugar?
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Nag-iimbak ba tayo ng pagkain o inuming tubig para sa posibleng lindol?

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Hindi Sigurado


Bilang maaring resulta ng lindol, alam ba ng buong pamilya kung tayo ay nasa panganib na dulot ng tsunami?

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## (Enclosure No. 3 to DepEd Order No. 27, s. 2015)

## Earthquake Family Preparedness Questionnaire (K-2, SPED)

Instruction: The parents, guardian/s or any adult family member is requested to answer the following preparedness questions with the learner.

## Before an Earthquake

(Please encircle your answer to every question.)
Do we know the emergency
numbers and contact details of
the local fire department,
police, hospitals and
barangay officials?

In a scale of $1-5$ with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, describe your level of preparedness before an earthquake. Kindly encircle your answer.
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## During an Earthquake

(Please put your answer on the space provided.)


If the earthquake happens while travelling, what will be our initial response?

## Answer

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$\qquad$


If the earthquake happens while at home, what will be our initial response?
Answer


If the earthquake happens while at home, how do we proceed with the evacuation?
Answer
$\qquad$


If the earthquake happens while travelling, where do we meet?

## Answer



If someone in the family or someone who lives with us is injured, what should be our initial response?

## Answer

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If the designated evacuation area is damaged, where is our alternative?
Answer


If the communication is down, how long are we going to wait for each other at the designated meeting place?
Answer

In a scale of $1-5$ with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, describe your level of preparedness during an earthquake. Kindly encircle your answer.
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## After an Earthquake \& Initial Shaking

(Please encircle your answer to every question.)


In a scale of $1-5$ with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, describe your level of preparedness after an earthquake. Kindly encircle your answer.
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Majority of the answers should be yes. If you answered no or not sure in any of the above questions, you are advised to seek the assistance of local authorities on the matter.

The signatory certifies that the family has answered, understood and discussed the questions above:

Parent/Guardian/Adult Family Member's Signature: $\qquad$
Name of Parent/Guardian/Adult Family Member: $\qquad$

## (Enclosure No. 4 to DepEd Order No. 27, s. 2015

## Earthquake Family Preparedness Questionnaire (Gr. 3-10)

Instruction: Each student is assigned to interview their parents, guardian/s or any adult family member to answer the following questions.

## Before an Earthquake

(Please encircle your answer to every question)
Do we know the emergency
numbers and contact details of
the local fire department,
police, hospitals and
barangay officials?

In a scale of $1-5$ with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, describe your level of preparedness before an earthquake. Kindly encircle your answer.
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## During an Earthquake

(Please put your answer on the space provided.)


If the earthquake happens while travelling, what will be our initial response?

## Answer

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If the earthquake happens while at home, what will be our initial response?
Answer


If the earthquake happens while at home, how do we proceed with the evacuation?
Answer
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If the earthquake happens while travelling, where do we meet?

## Answer



If someone in the family or someone who lives with us is injured, what should be our initial response?

## Answer

$\qquad$
$\qquad$


If we are trapped inside the house, what do we do?

## Answer



If the designated evacuation area is damaged, where is our alternative?

## Answer



If the communication is down, how long are we going to wait for each other at the designated meeting place?
Answer
Answer
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In a scale of $1-5$ with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, describe your level of preparedness during an earthquake. Kindly encircle your answer.
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## After an Earthquake \& Initial Shaking

(Please encircle your answer to every question.)


Do we know the contact numbers of persons in our household?
Yes No Not Sure
3.
Yo we know that we should
not go back to our
homes/buildings due to
possible effects of aftershocks?


Are we prepared for possible effects of aftershocks such as fires, further damage to house/building?

Yes No Not Sure


In a scale of $1-5$ with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, describe your level of preparedness after an earthquake. Kindly encircle your answer.
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## GUIDANCE NOTES

FAMILY EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS HOMEWORK

## I. Preparing for the Distribution of Family Earthquake Preparedness Homework

- Before discussing the homework in class, all advisers shall review the attached reference materials on earthquake preparedness (Enclosure 6). This could also be downloaded from the website of Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology
(PHIVOLCS) http://www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph/index.php?option=com_phocadownload \&view=file\&id=71:earthquake-are-you-prepared\&Itemid=44;
- All advisers shall explain the homework to their students during homeroom and guidance session using the appropriate set of questionnaires based on the grade level and medium of instruction; and
- School heads shall organize a special meeting with parents to discuss this homework for maximum participation.
II. Processing of Responses to the Family Earthquake Preparedness Questionnaire
- Upon submission of the questionnaire, the adviser shall discuss with the students their family's responses; and
- Then, all advisers shall tabulate and summarize the answers on the family assessment question only.
A. Before an earthquake

| Question | Discussion Points |
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| a.Do we know the emergency <br> numbers and contact details of <br> the local fire department, police, <br> hospitals and barangay officials? | With possible effects of earthquakes to <br> lives and property, it is important that all <br> family members know all the relevant <br> offices and authorities that could provide <br> the necessary assistance. |
| b.Do we all know where the nearest <br> safe evacuation area from our <br> house is in the event of an <br> earthquake? | All family members should be familiar with <br> possible evacuation areas to properly guide <br> each one where they should head to in the <br> event of an earthquake. |
| c.Do we all know the earthquake <br> evacuation plan at our <br> school/workplace? | Since family members are not always <br> together, it is important that each one <br> knows about the evacuation plan. |
| d.Do we know how to evacuate <br> infants/children, persons with <br> disabilities, and/or the elderly in <br> our house? | Children and their families should be <br> aware that other people have particular <br> vulnerabilities that should be considered <br> during evacuation. |
| e.Do all family members know the <br> initial response during an <br> earthquake (Duck-Cover-Hold)? | Duck-Hold-Cover (DCH) as an initial <br> response during earthquakes should be <br> practiced in different contexts, especially in <br> areas without tables or any stable |
| furniture to stay under. |  |


| g.Are heavy furniture, cupboards, <br> and other heavy appliances <br> strapped/bolted to the <br> walls/floor? | collapse, tsunami, liquefaction, fire and/or <br> landslides. For families residing near <br> bodies of water, preparedness on these <br> possible related hazards should also be <br> considered in their respective <br> preparedness plan. |
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| h.Do we store food and drinking <br> water for possible earthquakes? | While not all families have the capacity to <br> store food and drinking water, awareness <br> on this remains important for schools to <br> identify student's concerns that may arise <br> in times of disasters. |
| i.Do we all know if we are near any <br> body of water? E.g. lake, sea, river | It should be discussed with the students <br> that an earthquake could result to other <br> hazards such as ground shaking, building <br> collapse, tsunami, liquefaction, fire and/or <br> j. As a result of an earthquake, do <br> we all know if we are vulnerable to <br> possible tsunamis? |
| landslides. For families residing near <br> bodies of water, preparedness on these <br> possible related hazards should also be <br> considered in their respective <br> preparedness plan. |  |

## B. During an earthquake and initial shaking

| Question | Discussion Point |
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| a. If the earthquake happens while |  |
| travelling, what will be our initial |  |
| response? |  |\(\left.\left.\quad \begin{array}{l}Duck-Hold-Cover (DCH) as an initial <br>

response during earthquakes should be <br>
practiced in different contexts, especially in <br>
areas without tables or any stable <br>
furniture to stay under. With or without <br>
family members, families should be aware <br>
on what to do during an earthquake\end{array}\right\} $$
\begin{array}{ll}\text { b. If the earthquake happens while } \\
\text { at home, what will be our initial } \\
\text { response? }\end{array}
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\begin{array}{l}\text { Families should be aware of the proper } \\
\text { evacuation procedures to avoid possible } \\
\text { injuries due ground shaking, fire, building } \\
\text { collapse and among others. } \\
\text { at home, how do we proceed with } \\
\text { the evacuation? }\end{array}
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\begin{array}{l}\text { Agreeing on where to meet gives a sense of } \\
\text { direction among family members during an } \\
\text { earthquake. This could ease the fear and } \\
\text { tension brought about by the shaking. }\end{array}
$$\right\}\)
h. If communication is down, how long are we going to wait for each other at the designated meeting place?

Reducing panic is imperative during emergencies, and having an agreement with family members as to where and length of waiting time contribute to this.
C. After an earthquake and initial shaking

| Question | Discussion Point |
| :---: | :---: |
| a. Do we know the contact numbers of persons in our household? | In case the earthquake happens while family members are at the workplace, school or travelling, each member should be able to recall or list down at least one number. |
| b. Do we know when to evacuate? | Families should be aware of the proper evacuation procedures to avoid possible injuries due to ground shaking, fire, building collapse and among others. |
| c. Do we know that we should not go back to our homes/buildings due to possible effects of aftershocks? | It should be discussed with the students that an earthquake could result to other hazards such as ground shaking, building collapse, tsunami, liquefaction, fire and/or landslides. For families residing near bodies of water, preparedness on these possible related hazards should also be considered in their respective preparedness plan. |
| d. Are we prepared for possible effects of aftershocks such as fires, further damage to house / building? |  |
| e. Is our home free of possible firetriggers after an earthquake? |  |
| f. If we are vulnerable to tsunamis, do we know how to properly evacuate? |  |
| g. Do we know how to preserve or keep food safe after an earthquake? | While some families may not be able to store food for possible occurrence of earthquakes, an alternative strategy is for them to learn food preservation as a survival mechanism. |
| h. Do we know from whom we can get accurate and credible data/information so as not to contribute to false rumors which may cause panic, etc.? | Accurate information is crucial during disasters and/or emergencies. Each family member should be able to identify reliable sources of information for proper guidance. |

## VI. References

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## BENORE

Do you know that about 20 earthquakes are recorded daily in the Philippines? Most of these earthquakes however, are unfelt and can only be detected by an instrument called seismograph.
Earthquakes cannot be prevented, but we can prepare for them.
Always remember these basic things to do before, during and after a strong earthquake:

## DURING

## ASTER

## STAY CALM.

When you are INSIDE a structurally sound building or home...STAY THERE!

Do the "DUCK, COVER and HOLD".


- If possible quickly open the door for exit.

Duck under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it, or protect your head with your arms.
Stay away from glass windows, shelves, cabinets and other heavy objects.
Beware of falling objects. Be alert and keep your eyes open.


If you're OUTSIDE..move to an open area!
, Stay away from trees, powerlines, posts and concrete structures.
Move away from steep slopes which may be affected by landslides.
If you're near the shore and feel
$\checkmark$ an earthquake, especially if it's too strong, move quickly to higher grounds.Tsunamis (giant sea waves) might follow.
If you're in a moving vehicle, STOP and get out! Do not attempt to cross bridges, overpasses, or ilyoverswnich may have been damaged.

Prepare a handy emergency supply kit with first aid kit, canned food and can opener, water, clothing, blanket, battery-operated radio, flashlights and extra batteries.

Conduct and participate in regular earthquake drills.

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The key to effective disaster prevention is planning:


Know the earthquake hazards in your area
Follow structural design and engineering practices when constructing a house or building.
Evaluate the structural soundness of the buildings and houses; strengthen or retrofit if necessary.

Prepare your homes, workplace or schools:
Strap or bolt heavy furnitures/cabinets to the walls.
Check the stability of hanging objects like ceiling fans and chandeliers.

- Breakable items, harmful chemicals and flammable materials should be stored properly in the lowermost secured shelves.
Always turn off the gas tanks when not in use.


Familiarize yourself with the exit routes and places where fire extinguishers, first aid kits, alarms, and communication facilities are located. Learn how to use them beforehand.


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## Be prepared for aftershocks.

Once the shaking stops, take the fastest and safest way out of the building.

> Don't...
> $\quad$...use elevators.
> $\quad$...enter damaged buildings.

...use telephones unless
necessary.
...PANIC.

Check...
yourself and others for injuries.
water and electrical lines for damages.
for spills of chemical, toxic and flammable materials.
$\checkmark$ and control fires which may spread.

If you need to evacuate your residence, leave a message stating where you are going and bring your emergency supply kit.

Keep updated on disaster prevention instructions from battery-operated radios.



