



# Annex E: Evacuation

## Executive Summary

Primary	Sheriff's Office
Support	County Judge's Office, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Marshal's Office, Public Infrastructure, Public Health & Environmental Services, Medical Examiner's Office, Community Services, County Attorney's Office
Coordination	None

The purpose of this annex is to provide for the orderly and coordinated evacuation of all or any part of the population of Harris County if it is determined that such action is the most effective means available for protecting the population from the effects of an emergency situation.

### CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Evacuation is one means of protecting the public from the effects of a hazard; protection is achieved by moving people away from the hazard. In planning for evacuation, the characteristics of the hazard and its magnitude, intensity, speed of onset, and anticipated duration are all significant factors. These will determine the number of people to be evacuated, the distances people must be moved to ensure their safety, the need for reception facilities, and the extent of traffic control and security required.

Other important factors include the availability and capacity of evacuation routes and their vulnerability to the hazard.

It is anticipated that the primary means of evacuation for most individuals will be by personal vehicle. However, some individuals do not own vehicles and may need assistance in evacuating, most likely through the use of public transportation assets.

Special Facilities: Public schools normally have their own transportation resources. Some private schools and day care centers may also have some transportation assets. Most other special facilities rely on commercial or contract transportation providers for their specialized transportation needs. Some of these suppliers may not be able to provide sufficient equipment to evacuate a sizeable facility on short notice. Hence, local government may be requested to assist in providing transportation.

### REFERENCES

- FEMA, Guide for All Hazard Emergency Operations Planning (SLG-101).
- Texas Disaster Act of 1975.
- State of Texas Traffic Management Plan
- Annex S, Transportation, Harris County Basic Plan
- Annex M, Resource Management, Harris County Basic Plan