

# HAZARDS AND THREATS: ADVERSE WEATHER

## EXTREME COLD



## GENERATOR SAFETY

Electric generators can provide you with piece of mind and convenience when you are faced with a temporary loss of electric service.

Follow these recommended safety guidelines when operating a generator:

- Before installing a generator, be sure to properly disconnect from your utility electrical service. If possible, have your generator installed by a qualified electrician.
- Run generators outside, downwind of structures.
- **NEVER OPERATE A GENERATOR INDOORS.**
- Deadly carbon monoxide gas from the generators exhaust can spread throughout enclosed spaces. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Fuel spilled on a hot generator can cause an explosion. If your generator has a detachable fuel tank remove it before refilling. If this is not possible, shut off the generator and let it cool before refilling.
- Do not exceed the rated capacity of your generator. Most of the small, home-use portable generators produce from 350 to 12,000 watts of power. Overloading your generator can damage the appliances connected to it, and may cause a fire. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep children away from generators at all times.