



**FEMA**

# Recovery Directorate Info Sheet

## **Assistance to Military and Civilian Personnel**

Families of members of the armed forces and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees who are ordered by a commander to evacuate military installations due to a Presidentially declared disaster are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the continental United States after approval by the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). This authority applies to those individuals whose housing was declared uninhabitable by competent authority due to the effects of the disaster. Allowances may be provided to eligible family members for up to 180 days. Information on the benefits available to military personnel and their dependents is available at the following web site: <http://www.militaryonesource.com/>. Members of the armed forces and DoD civilian employees should refer questions concerning assistance and benefits to the Commanding Officer of the installation where they are assigned/employed.

Under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act (MPCECA), members of the uniformed services and DoD civilian employees may receive reimbursement up to \$40,000 for damage to, or loss of, personal property incident to service (including vehicles). Reimbursement may exceed \$40,000, but not \$100,000, if the claim arose from an emergency evacuation or from extraordinary circumstances. Members of the uniformed services and DoD civilian employees should refer questions about claims under MPCECA to the Claims Office at the closest military installation of the Service where they are assigned/employed. .

Military assistance and FEMA assistance may be considered a duplication of benefits.