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## Household Continuity – General Intro

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Almost exactly ten years before Hurricane Katrina's devastation, there was another flood in New Orleans.

In May of 1995, almost 20 inches of rain fell in one night and overwhelmed the pumping and drainage systems in the city.

When my wife and I looked out from our second floor apartment the next morning, we were shocked to see water everywhere. It was like a scene from Venice! There were even people canoeing down our street.

We lost our two cars, but not much else. Others were less fortunate.

We were lucky to be in a second floor apartment, with enough food and water to see us through for a few days.

But what if we hadn't been so lucky?

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In a disaster, you might have to shelter in place for a few days. Or you might have to leave without much warning and stay away for a while. It might be 72 hours or longer before you are able to obtain more food, water, and necessities.

This test helps you think about whether you and your household are prepared to deal with a disaster situation.

Pet care, childcare, and elder care might be issues for you. You might have particular medical or mobility requirements. And some of you might use your home to run a business or stay in school. These can all give rise to tricky situations.

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Before we begin, let's cover a couple of assumptions to help make the test easier for you to take.

First off, let's assume you and any members of your household are physically okay immediately following the disaster. That way, we can skip concerns about first aid and immanent danger.

Second, let's combine questions about staying in place and staying away. You might have to do one, the other, or both over the course of a week, but let's not separate them out right now.

Finally, let's leave it to YOU to decide how thorough you want to be in your preparations. Some will feel comfortable with a minimal amount of know-how and supplies. Others will want survival skills and bomb shelters. It's just a matter of preference. We'll leave it up to you to decide.

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So, please take a few minutes to think about your household and assess your preparedness. The test is made up of a handful of questions in each of three categories. There are step-by-step instructions, and a video introduction for each category. You'll get your results right away when you are done, as well as some suggestions for improving your scores.

Hopefully this experience will raise your awareness, and help you get ready for disaster, even if you never experience one personally. When you're done, consider talking it over with your friends and family. And be sure to use the results to improve any shortcomings you may have identified.

Thank you.