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Fact Sheet

Military Personnel and Disaster Assistance

- The **Safe Haven Allowance** from the Department of Defense assists military personnel and their families with disaster-caused housing costs.
- The **Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claim Act** provides assistance to active duty military personnel and military civilian employees in military housing for disaster-caused damage or loss of personal property, including vehicles.
- FEMA may provide assistance to eligible, active duty military and civilian military employees if the assistance is not duplicated from available assistance from the military.
- FEMA does not automatically provide rental assistance grants for applicants who live in military-provided housing damaged by a declared disaster. However, applicants living in military housing may receive FEMA Rental Assistance if they provide documentation showing they are not receiving housing assistance from another source.
- Active duty military and civilian military employees who live in privately-owned housing may be eligible for all categories of assistance.
- Active duty military personnel stationed outside of the country can authorize a third party to be present for inspection of their primary residence within the designated disaster area. All military personnel and civilian military employees, regardless of residence type or military status, may be eligible for Other Needs Assistance (ONA) if the items are not covered by the Military Personnel and Civil Employees' Claim Act.

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