

Shelter management includes estimating the number of evacuees that may need sheltering, planning for shelter space, coordinating resources, and coordinating shelter openings. Hurricane evacuation shelter requirements are calculated using a percent of the vulnerable population. The conglomerate counties identify space to fulfill sheltering requirements.

To coordinate shelter openings, public hurricane evacuation shelters are identified as voluntary (V), mandatory (M), reserve (R) and post-storm impact (P) shelters.

County emergency management, SCEMD, and the American Red Cross (ARC) coordinate shelter locations. Shelter staffing and management is coordinated between DSS, SCDHEC and ARC.

*Post-storm shelters* are those designated by local emergency management to be used only in post storm situations. These shelters will not be utilized until they undergo a post storm assessment, ensuring safety and structural soundness prior to use as a public shelter. Voluntary, Mandatory and Reserve shelters may also be used as post-storm shelters.

*Special Medical Needs Shelters* are provided for evacuees requiring special medical attention and their caregiver.

**Public Shelter Opening and Public Notification**

If the Governor recommends a voluntary evacuation, the conglomerate will open *voluntary* evacuation shelters. If the Governor orders a mandatory evacuation, the conglomerate will open *mandatory* evacuation shelters. Once the Governor recommends a voluntary evacuation or orders a mandatory evacuation, a designated time by which shelters will open is determined. The shelter opening time for the voluntary evacuation recommendation and mandatory evacuation order is at least four (4) hours after the decision to open shelters is made.

ARC issues all public announcements about opening public shelters and the time the shelters will open. The public announcement will include the shelter(s) opening time and location. Shelters may open before the announced time. Local chapters will have primary responsibility for these announcements. The announcements will also be consolidated and provided to major media outlets from the State EOC as the information becomes available.

*Reserve shelters* will open as local officials consider it necessary. For larger storms, the resources for *reserve shelters* will be staged at the beginning of the mandatory evacuation order. County EOC officials will notify local mass care personnel of the requirement to open reserve shelters. Reserve shelters will be operational within four hours of notification. The American Red Cross, to minimize confusion announces reserve shelter openings to the public. The reserve shelter public announcement will read to the effect, "The following additional shelters have opened, and are now accepting evacuees".

<b>Vulnerable Population &amp; Sheltering Requirements/Capacities</b>				
<i>County</i>	<i>Total Vulnerable</i>	<i>Shelter Req'mt</i>	<i>Capacity (2008)</i>	<i>Capacity vs Req'mt</i>
Aiken	45,374	6,806	5,248	- 1,558
Allendale	3,720	558	886	+ 328
Bamberg	6,927	1,039	2,790	+ 1,751
Barnwell	10,722	1,608	4,188	+ 2,580
Beaufort	206,307	20,631	3,808	-16,823
Colleton	27,967	3,915	4,156	+241
Hampton	8,692	1,304	2,201	+ 897
Jasper	16,118	1,773	4,207	+ 2,434
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>325,827</b>	<b>37,634</b>	<b>27,484</b>	<b>* -10,150</b>
* Coastal Conglomerate shelter shortfalls covered by other Conglomerate shelters.				

## Public Sheltering Requirements

Vulnerable population for the Southern Conglomerate was analyzed and used to calculate shelter requirements. The vulnerable population consists of all residents and tourists within a Category 4/5 storm surge inundation area and residents living in structures susceptible to wind damage within the conglomerate. The *Army Corps of Engineers* determined the vulnerable population shelter requirements during the hurricane evacuation restudy.

The shelter requirements are a planning goal for evacuation shelter emergency capacity. ARC determines the emergency capacity using 15 sq. ft. per person for hurricane evacuation shelters. Shelter requirements change annually. This change is due to the increasing coastal population and to the increase of those living in vulnerable structures.

## Special Medical Needs Shelters (SMNS)

During a hurricane evacuation, *Special Medical Needs Shelters (SMNS)* will open in a county at the same time as public shelters. A SMNS will not close until the SEOC approves, and all shelter clients can return home or relocate to a suitable alternate location.

The SCDHEC, SCDSS, and the county emergency management agencies determined shelter locations appropriate for those persons with special medical needs. The SCDSS and SCDHEC have agreements with these facilities (subject to change with/without notice).

<b>Bamberg County: Hurricane Evacuation Shelters</b>		
Type	Location	* Capacity
M	Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School 267 Red Raider Drive Bamberg, SC 29003	1,200
R	Denmark-Olar High School 197 Viking Circle Denmark, SC 29042	800
R	Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School 897 North <b>Street</b> Bamberg, SC 29003	330
R	Denmark-Olar Middle School 45 Green Street Denmark, SC 29042	330
R	Ehrhardt Elementary School 13704 Broxton Bridge Road Ehrhardt, SC 29081	130
<p><b>Shelter Type:</b> V – Voluntary; M – Mandatory R – Reserve; P – Post-storm</p> <p><i>* using 15 square feet per person.</i></p>		

<b>Special Medical Needs Shelters (SMNS)</b>	
County	Facility Name
Aiken	Aurora Pavilion Behavior Ctr 655 Medical Park Drive Aiken, SC 29801
Allendale	John E. Harter Nursing Home US 278 West Fairfax, SC 29827
Bamberg	Bamberg County Hospital 600 North Street Bamberg, SC 29003
Barnwell	Barnwell County Hospital 811 Reynolds Road Barnwell, SC 29812
Beaufort	McCracken Middle School 250 H. E. McCracken Circle Bluffton, SC 29910  Beaufort Elementary School 1800 Prince Street Beaufort, SC 29902
Colleton	Colleton Medical Center 501 Robertson Blvd. Walterboro, SC 29488
Hampton	Wade Hampton High School 201 Airport Road Varnville, SC 29944
Jasper	Jasper County High School Highway 278 West Ridgeland, SC 29936