

# Mobile Homes Provide Emergency Housing

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House fires. They can strike at any time and any place. The results of a house fire can range anywhere from minimal damage to total destruction of the dwelling. Besides having to cope with the physical damage to their living arrangements, family members must cope with the mental anguish suffered from loss of personal property, family pets and priceless keepsakes. Victims of any home fire need immediate and compassionate attention.

If a client's home is damaged to the point where it is no longer habitable, the client looks to the insurance adjuster to find suitable lodgings for the restoration period. Often families are put in hotels, and forced to eat their meals in restaurants. This short-term solution may cause the family regional displacement,

and result in family members having to travel further to go to work and to schools, and be separated from their family and friends. Add the traumatic effects of the fire, and isolation from the restoration site, and there is just more stress imposed upon a family ill able to cope with more problems at this devastating time.

There are Canadian-built, 56' x 12' Mobile Homes specifically designed and built for rental purposes, ideally suited for fire disaster families. These have an efficient layout that integrates full-size appliances, furniture and beds to sleep up to six people, while living in comfort. The family can move right in and resume their regular routines, such as a family meal or watching TV.

By placing a mobile home on

the client's property, the family is able to function and start getting their lives back to normal. As well, with the family on the property, there is a reduction of possible theft or vandalism to the construction site.

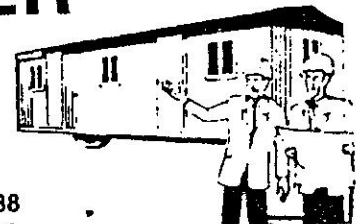
Besides having the satisfaction of knowing they made their clients more comfortable, the rental of a mobile home is a great value for the insurance adjuster. Mobile homes are an economical solution. While hotels offer short-term relief, they cannot compare with mobile homes for a normal 3 to 6-month period.

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