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### One Morning at the Assisted Living Center

The people who live at the Center have individual small apartments but they all eat at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast, so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room and she found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right.

She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs, and after he was seated, he went on to enjoy his breakfast.

He seemed normal, talking about the weather and being responsive to questions.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first step so we called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts!

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## The Coconut Telegraph Redneck Hurricane Preparedness Guide

With Hurricane Irma's devastation to the Keys last year We thought it would be a good idea to remind all our readers that you need to be prepared for these types of predicaments.

Immediately after an emergency, and you have seen this time and time again, the first people to be up and running and rescuing others are the rednecks. It's not the Harvard MBA's that are pulling people out of flooded homes with jon boats. It's the rednecks. Nope, a fancy air conditioned, Italian marbled floored, mahogany paneled office full of accountants used to chilled lobster and martini lunches won't do anyone much good in an emergency.

When it hits the fan and there is trouble a redneck will always come out on top of the situation. What is their secret? Preparedness. And this is how they do it...

**BOOZE:** Hide the Budweiser and have a couple cans of Milwaukee's Best in case strangers stop by or you need to barter with neighbors. If you are too drunk to walk, then take a kayak... otherwise it will take you forever to get anywhere.

**FOOD:** Slim Jims, and if you want to live large, get some mustard for dipping... beef jerky, pork rinds and anything that was on the table that the dogs didn't eat and won't go bad without refrigeration.

**BOAT:** A true redneck has a boat in his yard for years at a time without ever using it once. That's because it's for emergency purposes. I highly recommend a two-stroke motor that will always start after it's kicked a few times. Preferably that motor will



be a Johnson, because jokes about your Johnson never get old. If kicking it doesn't work, call Louie at Dockside Services, Louie can fix anything.

WHIP OUT THAT OLD JOHNSON AND GET IT REV'ED UP!



**PICKUP TRUCK:** When a hurricane hits, it's certain that a redneck in a Ford F-150 that is held together with bondo and duct tape will be pulling your Lexus out of that ditch.

**DOG:** A dog will tell you if something is edible or not.

**FLASHLIGHT:** You need one in addition to the one the family uses at night to go out to the bathroom.

**RADIO WITH A POWERFUL SPEAKER:** That way you have something to drown out the wife, kids, mother-in-law, your sister-in-law Crystal, your sister Crystal, cousin Crystal, and your neighbor Crystal and her daughter little Crystal. We recommend you tune in to Thunder Country 100.3 FM.

**HOME SECURITY SYSTEM:**

1. Buy a pair of size 14-16 work boots.
2. Put them on the front porch with a copy of your most recent assault charge.
3. Put some giant dog dishes next to the boots and court papers.
4. Leave this note on your door: "Jake and Buster: I went to the store for more ammo & Walgreen's for booze. Back soon. Don't mess with the pit bulls; they messed the

mailman up bad this morning. I don't think Satan took part; hard to tell from all the blood. I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back."

**GUNS AND AMMO:** I'm not talking about the magazine. Looters will be shot on sight and their loved ones can buy their watches and rings back at the pawn shop. And personally, I'd like to say that if you have a gun, then alligator and crocodile are always on the menu. If a disaster causes the traffic on US 1 to back up all the way to Islamorada you'll need nourishment.

**BE READY:** Get yourself prepared in case you have a shortage of rednecks in your area. Don't expect FEMA to be able to get to you or provide for you. Last, but not least, organize a hurricane party. Meet me at the Big Chill or Cactus Jack's where we can watch it better.

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