

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HURRICANE HAZARD RISKS



- 1 Storm surge is water pushed onshore by the tropical system. It causes the most damage of any of the hurricane hazards.
- 2 Wind from a hurricane can top 200 mph and cause massive damage to buildings in its path.
- 3 Inland flooding caused by heavy rain damages homes and can wash out roadways well away from the coast.
- 4 Tornadoes are common as a hurricane moves ashore. They are not typically long-lived, but they can cause plenty of damage.
- 5 Rip currents and rough seas are common both before and after a hurricane, making swimming or surfing very dangerous.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HAVING AN EVACUATION PLAN



- 1 Find out if you would need to evacuate. Don't travel hundreds of miles, only far enough away from the evacuation area.
- 2 Plan your evacuation route. Have an alternate route.
- 3 Leave when ordered to do so. Do not wait.
- 4 Communicate your plan with someone not in the storm's path.
- 5 Plan for your pets. Most local shelters do not permit them.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME



- 1 Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches.
- 2 Have the proper materials in advance to board up your windows to protect them from flying debris.
- 3 Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes.
- 4 Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable.
- 5 Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WHERE TO GET HURRICANE INFO



- 1 Television - Tune in to your trusted local news source.
- 2 Phone - Access mobile.weather.gov on your mobile phone and get Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- 3 Radio - Receive forecast information and news on your NOAA Weather Radio.
- 4 Social Media - Stay in touch with friends and family and receive updates from your trusted sources of information.
- 5 Computer - Access information from weather.gov, ready.gov and flash.org

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE



- 1 Check your insurance policies well ahead of the storm to see what is covered.
- 2 Make sure you have flood insurance. Flooding is the leading cause of damage from tropical systems.
- 3 Visit floodsmart.gov to learn about your flood risk and flood insurance options for your area.
- 4 Prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered.
- 5 Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate.

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