

Hurricane Safety: What You Need to Know! Student Pages



What is a Hurricane?

A hurricane is a powerful tropical storm with strong winds, heavy rain, and the potential to cause major damage. Hurricanes form over warm ocean water and can lead to flooding, power outages, and dangerous conditions.

Before the Hurricane

1. Make a Plan

- Know your family's emergency plan.
- Decide where you will go if you need to evacuate.
- Keep emergency contacts handy.

2. Build an Emergency Kit

- Flashlight & extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food
- Medications
- Important documents in a waterproof bag
- Phone charger & power bank

3. Stay Informed

- Watch the news or use weather apps to track the storm.
- Listen to local authorities for updates.

4. Protect Your Home

- Bring in outdoor furniture and toys.
- Board up windows or use hurricane shutters.
- Secure loose items that could become projectiles.

During the Hurricane

1. Stay Inside

- Go to a small, windowless room on the lowest floor.
- Stay away from windows and glass doors.

2. Don't Go Outside

- Even if it seems calm, the storm could start again.
- The “eye” of the hurricane is calm, but danger follows quickly.

3. Stay Connected

- Use a battery-powered radio or phone to get updates.

- Only use your phone for important calls to save battery.
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After the Hurricane

1. Wait for the All-Clear

- Don't leave shelter until officials say it's safe.

2. Avoid Floodwaters

- Don't walk or play in flooded areas. Water can be deep, dirty, or hiding hazards.

3. Report Hazards

- Tell an adult about downed power lines, gas smells, or broken glass.

4. Help Clean Up Safely

- Wear gloves and closed-toe shoes.
 - Only help with tasks that are safe and age appropriate.
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Hurricane Safety Checklist

- ✓ I know my family's emergency plan.
 - ✓ I know how to prepare an emergency kit.
 - ✓ I understand what to do before, during, and after a hurricane.
 - ✓ I know how to stay safe and help my community.
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Remember: Stay calm, stay safe, and follow adult instructions. You can help keep yourself and others safe during a hurricane!