Hurricane Safety

Hurricanes can cause severe property damage and are often life-threatening. At Assurance, our goal is help you minimize risk and avoid potential injuries and losses that can occur from natural disasters. Below is a checklist that your company should follow, along with tips for employees whether they’re in the office, offsite or at home during a hurricane.

EMPLOYERS: PRIOR TO A HURRICANE
- Put an emergency plan in writing and disseminate to all employees
- Establish a communication plan appropriate for all disasters
  - Ensure employees know how and when to reach you through this system
- Update employee contact information regularly, especially at the beginning of any season when natural disasters are likely
- Keep an emergency supply kit in an accessible location

EMPLOYERS: AFTER A HURRICANE
- Keep company’s leadership visible
- Inform employees of who’s responsible for certain aspects of the business’ recovery and how your leadership team can be reached
- Allow employees to tend to personal affairs after a disaster
- Organize community relief or charitable efforts and encourage employees to participate
- Arrange a meeting with employees to review your plan following a disaster

It's important to follow these steps before, during and after a disaster strikes. Please pass on the following employee tips to keep everyone safe from hurricanes and other catastrophes.

EMPLOYEES: HURRICANE PREPARATION TIPS
- Listen to a NOAA weather radio or television program for updates on warnings and watches
  - WATCH – hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours
  - WARNING – hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours
- Secure your home or business by closing all windows, doors and hurricane shutters
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances
- Fill up your car’s gas tank
- Evacuate if advised by authorities
- Avoid drinking tap water until it’s confirmed as safe

Gather a survival kit that includes:
- 3-day supply of food and water
- Flashlight, extra batteries, multipurpose tool
- First aid kit and emergency blanket
- 7-day supply of medication
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Family and emergency contact information
- Camera for photos of damage