



**The Hurricane  
COMING!!**

1. Develop a family plan
2. Establish your disaster kit
3. Determine your shelter potential, where, how and when to go there.
4. Inspect and secure your home
5. Know your safe evacuation routes per hazard-e.g. fire, flood, hazardous incident, storm surge, tsunami.

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# Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane hazards present themselves in several forms; therefore your family should build resilience to these hazards by establishing an emergency plan that encompasses all of the hazards which are likely to impact your community and your home. Hazards may include flooding, storm surge, tsunami, high winds. The best attitude and preparedness concept starts by being informed and being prepared. This will assist your response and reduce the magnitude of your recovery efforts.

# Family Plan Check List

- 1) Have you discussed the various types of hazards that could affect your home and its environs?
- 2) Do you know those hazards that can likely impact your home and its location?
- 3) Have you identified a safe room or safe area in your home for each hazard?
- 4) Have you identified a safety area in your community per hazard and how you can get there if necessary.
- 5) Have you consulted with your insurance agent to ensure you have adequate coverage against those hazards likely to impact your home?
- 6) Have you identified, purchased and prepared your non perishable emergency safety kit capable for the number of persons in your home.
- 7) Have you obtained a suitable first aid kit to meet the needs of your family?
- 8) Have you prepared a grab bag containing vital medication, ID, cash, important documents and which can be easily accessed?
- 9) Do you know where your nearest emergency shelter is located and how to get there if necessary?
- 10) Do you have alternate shelter arrangements with family, friends away from your present location?



- 11) Have you established safe evacuation routes out of your community, should you need to evacuate.
- 12) Have you established a safe location to meet?
- 13) Have you compiled and posted all emergency telephone numbers in a safe area, and have advised or trained your children and household of how and when to use this information.
- 14) Have any members of your family had First Aid training.
- 15) Do you know how to contact your District Emergency Organisation?
- 16) Have you instructed each family member how to turn off water, gas, electricity at their entry points or breaker panels?
- 17) Do you have a fire extinguisher (ABC) in your home and members know how to use it and where it can be accessed?
- 18) Have you installed smoke detectors in your home and tested them at least once a month?
- 19) Have you conducted an evacuation drill, or fire procedure , or tested your plan?
- 20) Stock non perishable emergency supplies and establish your hurricane supply kit.
- 21) Secure a battery operated radio and flashlights, along with extra batteries.