

FAST Guide To Emergency Prep: Hurricanes

The Dangers Of Hurricanes

Hurricanes can cause damage from the coastline to several hundred miles inland, with winds exceeding 155 miles per hour. A single storm can cause billions of dollars in damage and affect dozens of U.S. States.

This guide offers tips to keep you and your employees safe before, during and after a hurricane.

Approximately **488 hurricanes** have been reported in Florida alone

In 2015 there were **12 reported hurricanes** in the Atlantic region

Before A Hurricane



Create An Emergency Action Plan

Have a written plan in place in case of a hurricane. All employees should undergo training so they understand where to go and what to do in case of an emergency.

Make An Emergency Preparedness Kit

A basic disaster supply kit will help to prepare you and your employees in the event of a hurricane. The kit should include supplies such as:

Flashlights

Water

First aid kits

A Battery powered radio

Non-perishable food items

Batteries



Know The Terms

Familiarize yourself and employees with these terms to identify a hurricane hazard:



Hurricane Watch - "Be Aware." Conditions are right for a hurricane in the next 48 hours.

Hurricane Warning - "Take Action!" Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours.

Prepare Your Facility

If you have adequate warning before the storm arrives, prepare your facility to help minimize any damage caused by the storm.



Trim surrounding trees

Board up windows

Protect inventory by storing it on the floor

Secure items that may become airborne

Brace large loading dock or garage doors

During A Hurricane

Shut It Down

If possible before evacuating, turn off all utilities at the main switches or valves. This will help to prevent other emergencies such as explosions or fires.



Keep Listening

Stay tuned to local radio and TV for weather updates. Evacuate immediately if told to do so.

After A Hurricane



Stay Out Of The Water

The contents of flooded water are most often unknown; it could be contaminated or electrically charged. Be sure to immediately wash any skin that comes into contact with the water.

Report Immediate Danger

Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately.



Capture It

Document all of the damage to your facility, equipment and inventory. Take pictures and make a list of everything that will need to be repaired or replaced.

Visit Your Local Fastenal Store

A hurricane can devastate an area in mere minutes - which is about how long it takes to stock up on hurricane survival basics at your local Fastenal store.

Each of our 2,600+ locations is a convenient, one-stop source for everything you'll need to minimize injury, navigate the aftermath, and get back up and running. It's local, it's simple, and it just may be the smartest purchase you'll make this year.

