



# Royal Bahamas Police Force

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## Hurricane Safety Tips

During this hurricane season in the Bahamas, it is important that adequate preparations are made to minimize loss of life and property. Remember that hurricane preparation only takes a little time to accomplish, for this reason the Royal Bahamas Police Force, National Crime Prevention Office has provided a few safety tips that can assist in hurricane preparedness

Therefore consider the following hurricane safety tips:

### PRE- SEASON PREPARATION

- Make sure your home meets building codes for withstanding hurricanes, and they have storm shutters.
- Have proper tools, supplies, and a first aid kit.
- Have plenty of batteries and flashlights
- Always have plenty of non-perishable foods on hand.
- Properly secure important documents such as bank account documents and insurance policy documents.
- You will need to carry cash.

### WHEN A WATCH OR WARNING IS ISSUED

- Leave low lying areas.
- Protect windows with plywood boards, or storm shutters.
- Secure outside objects.
- Make sure you have plenty of fuel and water.
- Have several days supply of food and water for each family member.
- If called to evacuate, do so immediately.

### BEFORE THE STORM

- Be ready to put your plan and preparation into action.
- You will need a battery powered or self powered radio to follow the news updates
- Pay attention to local weather reports on radio, television, or the internet.
- Have house boarded up, or have storm shutters in place.
- Have plenty of food and water.
- Make sure all your tools, supplies, and first aid kit are available for use.
- Have a secured room available.



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## DURING THE STORM

- Stay in a secured Room.
- Stay away from windows.
- Do not use the phone, or candles.
- Monitor Weather.
- Have supplies on hand.
- Remain indoors when the eye moves over your area because the storm will resume shortly.
  
- Only use 911 or 919 in case of a true emergency as they will be flood with calls from people who are in danger or injured.
  
- You should stay away from the glass doors and windows.  
It is important that you keep the curtains and the blinds closed.

## AFTER THE STORM

- Make sure that all is definitely clear outside, and the storm has completely passed before going out.
- Report downed power lines, and stay away from them.
- Use stored water and food.
- Be patient. Things will take a while before they get back to normal.

If applied, the safety tips provided can minimize your chances of becoming a victim and loss of property.

If you need any information pertaining to any more information about hurricane safety please do not hesitate to contact National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Phone: (242) 322-6081/5 or Fax: (242) 326-5456.



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