Hurricane Safety *Checklist*

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause serious hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds, and tornadoes. Hurricanes can be life-threatening. Hurricanes and typhoons are the same type of storm, the name simply changes based on where they occur. Learn what to do to keep your loved ones safe!

✓ Before a Hurricane

- ☐ Discuss Hurricanes and your plan of action with family and children ahead of time. This will reduce fear at the time of event, especially for younger children.
- ☐ Listen to local area radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- ☐ Be prepared to evacuate quickly and know your routes and destinations.
- ☐ Find a local emergency shelter.
- ☐ Check your emergency kit and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications or other medical supplies. Keep it nearby.
- ☐ **If there is still time…**
- ☐ Fill plastic bottles with clean drinking water.
- ☐ Fill bathtubs and sinks with water for flushing or clothing.
- ☐ Fill your gas tank in your car, in case of an evacuation notice.

✓ During a Hurricane

- ☐ **Inside**
- ☐ Stay indoors.
- ☐ Use flashlights in the dark if the power goes out. DO NOT use candles.
- ☐ Continue listening to local area radio, TV stations, or Twitter for the latest information and updates.
- ☐ Avoid contact with contaminated floodwater.
- ☐ Turn off the power and water mains if instructed to do so by local authorities.
- ☐ **Outside**
- ☐ Don't walk, swim, or drive through floodwater. Two feet will float a car and 6 inches can knock you off your feet.
- ☐ If caught on a flooded road with rapid rising waters, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground.
- ☐ Don't allow children to play in or near flood water.
- ☐ Stay out of areas subject to flooding, such as: underpasses, dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.

✓ After a Hurricane

- ☐ Let friends and family know you are safe.
- ☐ If you have been evacuated, return only when authoirites say it is safe for you to do so.
- ☐ Continue listening to the local news and radio for updated information.
- ☐ Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding.

Hurricane Safety Tips:

- Have Emergency Plan
- Stock-up on Supplies
- Out of Town Contact
- Follow Emergency Instructions
- Have an Evacuation Route
- Protect Important Documents

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