



5-minute safety talk

What Are **Hurricanes**?

Hurricanes are defined as when a storm's maximum sustained winds reach 74 miles per hour (*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*). Hurricanes can reach up to 200 miles per hour.

Hurricanes form over tropical and subtropical ocean waters. Some hurricanes push a wall of water onto land, causing flooding and other damage. Along the coasts, this type of storm surge represents the greatest threat to people and property. While hurricanes hit coastal areas, their effects can also be felt a few hundred miles inland.

What Is a Hurricane **Watch**?

A hurricane watch indicates that conditions are possible and should be **watched over the next 48 hours**.

WHAT TO DO

- Review the location of the closest emergency exit.
- Wait for further instructions.

What Is a Hurricane **Warning**?

With a warning, a hurricane is **expected within 36 hours**.

WHAT TO DO

- Do not come to work if advised to stay at home.
- Wait for direction on whether to evacuate or shelter in place. Never use the elevator in an evacuation, only the stairs.
- Know your shelter in place locations, and stay clear of windows and glass doorways. This is generally on the first floor in an interior room which may be less affected by strong winds and flood waters.
- Close interior doors and brace them so they don't open easily.
- Keep blinds and window coverings closed if no interior room is available.
- For more protection, get under a sturdy object like a heavy table or desk.
- Cover your head with clothing, blankets and even hands for additional protection.



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