

Tropical Storm Resource

With tropical storm season approaching, it's vital to prepare for any situation. Whether at home, work, or in transit, preventive steps can protect you, your loved ones, and your property.

This resource offers essential safety information, helping you stay informed and ready. Preparation is key to minimizing risks and keeping your community safe.

1. Stay Informed

Monitor weather updates: Continuously check updates from reliable sources such as the local meteorological department, weather apps, or trusted news outlets to keep track of . Always pay attention to any changes in the storm's intensity, direction, or expected impact to stay one step ahead. Also, it is important to stay alert to any advisories or warnings that could influence your safety decisions.

2. Prepare Your Home

Secure outdoor items: Remove or secure items like garden furniture, potted plants, and trash bins that could become dangerous projectiles in strong winds. Use ropes, or bungee cords, or bring them indoors to prevent them from causing damage or injury in the storm.

Seal windows and doors: Always ensure to double-check that all windows and doors are securely fastened and properly sealed to prevent wind and rain from entering your home. Consider installing storm shutters or using plywood to cover windows if the storm is severe.

3. Avoid Flooded Areas

Stay Away from floodwaters: Do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded streets, as it's difficult to navigate through the water's depth or whether the road beneath is damaged. Floodwaters can quickly rise and sweep away vehicles or knock you off your feet, putting you at high significant risk.

4. Shelter Indoors

Stay inside during severe weather: When the storm reaches its peak, it's safest to remain indoors. Thunderstorms can bring dangerous lightning strikes, so avoid showers or baths or using water from the direct plumbing as it may conduct electricity.

Avoid using electrical appliances: Unplug electronics and avoid using corded devices during thunderstorms to reduce the risk of electric shock or damage due to power surges.

5. Emergency Kit

Assemble an emergency kit: Prepare an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for at least 72 hours. It should include essentials like bottled water, non-perishable food, necessary medications, a flashlight, extra batteries, and a first aid kit. Make sure the kit is easily accessible and everyone in your household knows where it is.

6. Travel Caution

Limit travel during storms: Unless absolutely necessary, avoid traveling when a storm is approaching or underway. If travel is unavoidable, drive slowly and cautiously, as rain and cloud cover can reduce visibility, and roads may be slick or flooded.

7. Power Outages

Prepare for power loss: Power outages are common during severe storms. Charge your electronic devices in advance and have a backup power source like a portable charger or generator ready.

Keep battery-operated lights or lanterns on hand in case the electricity goes out.

8. Check Your Drainage

Clear gutters and drains: Always ensure that gutters and drains around your home are free of leaves, debris, or other blockages. This prevents water from pooling and reduces the risk of flooding in your home or yard. Regularly check these systems, especially before a storm.

9. Avoid Open Areas

Stay away from open fields and tall objects: During thunderstorms, avoid being in open areas like fields or parking lots. Isolated tall objects, such as lone trees, as they are more likely to get struck by lightning, so it's safer to remain indoors or in a low, enclosed area.

10. Assist Others

Check on vulnerable neighbors: After ensuring your own safety, check on neighbors, particularly elderly individuals, those with disabilities, or anyone living alone. They may need assistance in securing their homes, preparing supplies, or simply coping with the storm. Helping others not only fosters community involvement but can also save lives in the times of peril.

For assistance, you can reach out to UNITED SIKHS by emailing us at unitedsikhs-usa@unitedsikhs.org. Alternatively, you can call our toll-free number at 1-888-243-1690 to call for rescue or any assistance during hurricane season.

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