

How to survive a hurricane.

What do I do if a hurricane is forecast? Don't panic! It is no surprise that hurricanes are such a dangerous natural disaster. However, just because they are scary to be part of, this doesn't mean they are a reason to panic. If you want to survive one of these terrifying tropical cyclones, then you'll want to follow these simple but important steps.

- First of all, secure your home. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows and doors. Also, you should board up your windows as tape alone does not prevent window glass from smashing.
- Then, you must prevent damage to your belongings inside your home. It would be best to put all your most valuable possessions on to safe, high shelves in your property and secure any cleaning chemicals from spilling.
- Next, you should make sure that you have an emergency supply of food and water, you will need this when the hurricane hits.
- When the hurricane hits, you must stay inside and away from windows and glass doors. Additionally, take refuge in a small room such as a closet or the hallway. Make sure you are lying on the floor, underneath a sturdy table.
- Lastly, when the hurricane has passed, let your friends and family know you are safe. If you left your home, do not return home until you are instructed to do so by the authorities.

If you follow all these steps, you are well on your way to surviving a hurricane and as you experience more hurricanes you will be able to recognise more steps that you will need to take to safeguard yourself from future natural disasters.