

It's Hurricane Season Again—Are You Prepared?

Hurricanes—storm systems of circulating air and sustained wind speeds of 74 miles per hour or higher—can create a variety of hazards for workers. It is important you prepare for weather-related emergencies and have the necessary equipment and supplies to stay safe when severe weather strikes. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts 2023 as a near-normal Atlantic hurricane season (<https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/2023-atlantic-hurricane-season-outlook>).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), NOAA, and the National Weather Service (NWS) have a joint public education effort to help people understand seasonal weather. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (www.ready.gov) also releases guidelines and hurricane-related information.



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Review the available resources to get prepared, stay safe, and recover after a hurricane:

OSHA Hurricane eMatrix	Provides information on many of the most common and significant additional hazards response/recovery teams workers might encounter working in areas recently devastated by a hurricane
OSHA Alert 3972	PDF offering tips to keep workers safe during flood cleanup activities
OSHA Preparedness	Provides information on creating evacuation plans and supply kits
OSHA Response and Recovery	Provides recommendations to reduce hazards during hurricane response and recovery work
NWS Hurricane Hazards	Describes hurricane hazards, such as extreme winds, storm surges, inland flooding, and tornadoes
NOAA Hurricanes	Summarizes the threats of hurricanes and provides information on staying safe during and after the storm
Ready.gov Hurricanes	Clarifies hurricane season dates and gives information on hurricane preparedness and recovery
Preparing for the Hurricane Season	Provides information on preparing for hurricane seasons including a valuable disaster preparedness checklist

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