

In the event of a local civil disturbance

Always be aware of and report any political tension to your mission leaders.
Avoid large crowds and locations where disturbances may occur.
Avoid any political gathering and/or demonstration.
Avoid behavior that would draw undue attention to yourselves.
DO NOT carry cameras or take pictures of disturbances.
Never engage in political discussions.
Report unusual circumstances to mission leaders.
The fuel level for automobiles and vans should be kept at least one-half full.
Always have enough cash to pay the airport departure tax.

Hurricane Safety

The hurricane season for the Caribbean lasts from June through November, with August and September being the two most active months. With the increase in technology, these systems can be monitored and reported on a regular basis. Therefore, there is no reason for persons in the region to be caught unaware. **BETTER BE READY!**

A hurricane begins as a tropical disturbance and becomes a tropical storm when winds are between 39 to 73 miles per hour. While not at hurricane level, tropical storms can be as dangerous as a hurricane and proper care must be exercised. A hurricane is declared when winds reach 74 miles per hour. Hurricanes are one of the most dangerous weather phenomena known to man and must be taken seriously. Every year, hurricanes result in extreme property damage and loss of life through high winds and heavy rains.

Remember that weather preceding a hurricane can be very deceiving. Never trust the weather that you see outside your window. Always listen to the news or other authorities to get an accurate reading of what dangers may lay ahead.

Beware that the centre of a hurricane, or the eye, can be very calm and deceptive. The storm is not over. Actually, the worst part is yet to come as winds will come from opposite directions. Remain in your safe location until the storm has passed completely and the all clear has been given.

If you do evacuate your home during a storm, take your own food, water and personal supplies sufficient for 2 to 4 days, even if you go to a shelter.

At the start of the hurricane season

Know the location of the nearest emergency shelter in your area. Each senior missionary couple or Branch President should determine the emergency plan for their area. Each district leader should learn about that plan and communicate it to their district. District Leaders should also check to see that each apartment is prepared for emergencies.

If you are instructed to stay in your apartment

Determine whether or not you have hurricane shutters or wood to board up windows. If you do not, let your district leader know.

Make sure you know the location of the main electric breaker and the gas and water valves for your apartment and make sure you have a clear path to easily access them to shut them off when a hurricane approaches.

Place your apartment keys in an easily accessible location to make it easier to evacuate quickly in an emergency like a hurricane.

When a hurricane approaches

A **hurricane watch** is given when the storm or hurricane is possible within 36 hours. Be prepared to evacuate immediately when instructed to do so.

If you have a car, make sure you have a full tank of gas. Know the route to your pre-determined safety location, whether it be a shelter or otherwise.

When a hurricane is 24 hours away, a **hurricane warning** is given. Stay close to your phone. Secure your windows and doors, bring in loose items from outside, shut off electrical, gas and water hook-ups, and seek safe shelter.

Even before a hurricane makes landfall, storm surges can occur. A storm surge is a wall of water up to 20 feet high and causes of most hurricane related deaths. Move to high ground and stay away from the sea when a hurricane or tropical storm approaches.

When the hurricane makes landfall, do not leave your home. Stay inside, unless it deteriorates to the point of being dangerous to remain in. If a hurricane warning is issued and you do not plan to evacuate your home, scrub your bathtub and all containers thoroughly and sponge with bleach. Rinse, let dry completely and fill with water for use if water service is disrupted. Stay away from windows, as high winds may shatter them.

After a hurricane

Be careful of downed power lines.
Wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing.
Use a flashlight to inspect for damage.
Do not reconnect gas, electricity, or water until you are sure no damage has been done.

Store in your apartment:

Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 7 days
Food - at least enough for 7 days
Flashlight & First Aid Kit

Be prepared to take if evacuated:

Important documents in a waterproof bag, KEYS
Blankets / Pillows, etc.
Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
Toiletries, Flashlight / Batteries
Cash (some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not work.

Communications

In the event of a disaster or civil disturbance, missionaries contact district leaders, who contact zone leaders, who contact the mission president.

District Leader _____ cell _____

Zone Leader _____ cell _____

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