

# How to Survive a Hurricane: A Comprehensive Guide for Staying Safe and Prepared

Hurricanes are among the most powerful and destructive natural disasters on Earth. They can bring high winds, heavy rains, flooding, and storm surges that can cause widespread damage and loss of life.

If you live in an area that is prone to hurricanes, it is important to be prepared in case one strikes. This comprehensive guide will provide you with everything you need to know about how to survive a hurricane.



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## Before the Hurricane

The best way to survive a hurricane is to be prepared. Here are some things you can do to prepare before a hurricane strikes:

1. **Create an emergency plan.** Your plan should include evacuation routes, meeting places, and contact information for family and friends.

It should also include a list of essential supplies you will need in the event of an evacuation.

2. **Gather supplies.** Your emergency kit should include food, water, first aid supplies, medications, a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries. You should also have a plan for how you will store your supplies in the event of a power outage.
3. **Secure your home.** If you have time, board up windows and doors to protect your home from flying debris. You should also secure loose objects outside your home, such as lawn furniture and grills.
4. **Evacuate if necessary.** If you are in an area that is likely to be affected by a hurricane, you may be asked to evacuate. It is important to follow the instructions of local officials and evacuate as soon as possible.

## During the Hurricane

If you are caught in a hurricane, it is important to stay calm and follow these safety tips:

1. **Stay indoors.** If you are in a sturdy building, stay indoors and away from windows. You should also avoid going outside unless absolutely necessary.
2. **Listen to the radio or television for updates.** This will help you stay informed about the hurricane and any potential threats.
3. **Avoid driving.** Flooding and debris can make roads impassable. If you must drive, be sure to avoid flooded areas and downed power lines.

4. **Do not use candles.** Candles can start fires, which can be dangerous in a hurricane. Use flashlights instead.
5. **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

## **After the Hurricane**

Once the hurricane has passed, it is important to stay safe and be aware of the potential hazards:

1. **Be aware of downed power lines.** Downed power lines can be dangerous and can cause electrocution. If you see a downed power line, stay away from it and call 911.
2. **Beware of flooding.** Flooding can be a major hazard after a hurricane. Avoid driving through flooded areas and be aware of the potential for flooding in low-lying areas.
3. **Check your home for damage.** Once it is safe to do so, check your home for damage. If you find any damage, be sure to contact your insurance company.
4. **Help your community.** After a hurricane, it is important to help your community recover. This can include volunteering your time, donating to relief organizations, or simply helping your neighbors clean up.

By following these tips, you can help ensure your safety and the safety of your loved ones during a hurricane.

## **Additional Resources**

- [Ready.gov: Hurricanes](#)
- [FEMA: Hurricanes](#)

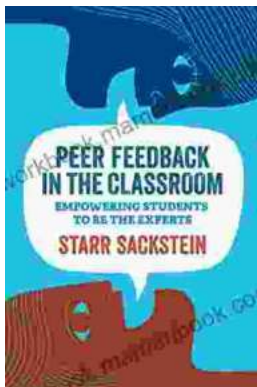
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