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STAY SAFE DURING HURRICANES

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over ocean water and often move toward land. Hurricanes bring high winds, heavy rain, storm surge (rise in water level), flooding and tornadoes. These storms are dangerous and can cause damage to places far inland. Storm surge historically is the leading cause of hurricane-related deaths in the United States.

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**Number of Hurricane Categories
based on wind speeds and
potential for damage**

TAKE ACTION

DURING A HURRICANE

- Stay informed: pay attention to emergency information and alerts. If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding. Take refuge in a designated storm shelter or an interior room for high winds
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn-Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

AFTER A HURRICANE

- Be careful during clean up. Wear protective clothing, use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris. People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled, even if these individuals are not allergic to mold.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.
- Do not wade in floodwater, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste and wildlife.