



# SEVERE WEATHER SURVIVAL TIPS

How to stay safe during a hurricane  
when you live outdoors

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN SEVERE WEATHER?

## TRY TO FIND SHELTER

- Weather stations will alert you when a hurricane is coming. If you know a hurricane is coming, find shelter as soon as possible.
- Go to the closest public building.
- Stay on the lowest level (a basement is best).
- Go to the center of the room, away from any windows, doors, and corners.
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

## IF YOU ARE OUTDOORS

- Try to find shelter in a stable building. Being inside a temporary structure like a tent can be especially dangerous.
- Get away from any coastal areas, floodplains, rivers, or inland waterways.
- Do not be fooled if things calm down. It could be the eye of the storm, and winds will pick up again.



Areas most affected by  
hurricanes



## REMEMBER

- Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage along coastlines and several hundred miles inland.
- Hurricanes can produce winds exceeding 155 miles per hour

## WATCH OR WARNING? WHICH IS WHICH?

- During a **Hurricane Watch**, a hurricane is *possible* within 48 hours. Seek shelter in a stable building where you can access updated weather information.
- During a **Hurricane Warning**, a hurricane is *expected* within 36 hours. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

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