



The First Ten Plays

HURRICANE SAFETY*

- Buy, install and learn about your NOAA Weather Radio.
- Know the difference between a hurricane “watch” and a “warning.” Remember, with a “watch” you have time. With a warning...you must act.
- Watch local Emergency Alert Stations for messages and also the Weather Channel on your TV. Watch storm track and land fall projections.
- Plan several escape routes early with plans to go inland and usually to the east of where the strike will occur if in the Gulf Coast, or far west if will strike along the East Coast. How far will depend on the size of the storm and other weather conditions it will encounter. Hurricanes do odd things so be sure and listen to your Emergency Alert Station wherever you travel. Find out what those stations are along your routes before you leave.
- Have your Go Kit ready and packed along with any other critical supplies and belongings you need to transfer. See our First Ten Plays about preparing a Go Kit. Don’t wait until the last moment. Being an early bird keeps you out of heavy traffic and out of harm’s way.
- For detailed planning you may want to get a terrific guide from the American Red Cross in your community. They are also online at: <http://www.lowcountryredcross.org/Hurricane.pdf>
- Prepare your home before you leave by boarding up windows and secure loose materials in the yard.
- If you are traveling with pets, ensure the hotels you chose on your route will take them. If you can, make your final destination a relative or friend.
- Find out from your American Red Cross where hurricane shelters are located in your community if you didn’t leave in time to escape the storm.
- Prepare for tornadoes as well as they often form after hurricanes strike.

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** These are not listed in order of importance but as a group of materials that will increase the possibility of positive outcomes.*