

ADVISORY RELATED TO HURRICANES

Hurricanes may result in heavy rain, flooding, strong winds and tornadoes. Inland areas may be affected too. There may be trees knocked down, water and power outages. Each hurricane is classified from Category 1 to Category 5 by the meteorologists. Category 5 is the highest while Category 1 is the lowest.

- ❖ Do not panic
- ❖ Keep cash, a battery-powered radio, flashlights, solar-powered USB charger to charge cell phone.
- ❖ Have non-perishable food, water and medicine for each person - minimum one week's supply
- ❖ Have Insurance to cover home/car/boat etc. especially to cover flooding etc.
- ❖ Form Self-help groups, and stay connected with each other
- ❖ Keep in touch with the local Indian Associations as they usually set up **shelters** in their areas. The shelters may have non-perishable food items, water, simple bedding and over-the-counter medicines for meeting any exigencies
- ❖ In case of any emergency please try to reach out **911** and/or any other number notified by the local authorities in your area
- ❖ Keep an eye for the warnings/advisories from the local authorities over radio/social media
- ❖ Try to inform your relatives/friends in other countries about the situation. Even simple text messages can assure them of your welfare avoiding any frantic calls/messages
- ❖ Be open to both giving and receiving assistance.
- ❖ Contact the Consulate through the Emergency number (**+1-404-910-7919**). The additional number(s) circulated by the Consulate may also be contacted for a particular hurricane for possible assistance. Follow us on our Twitter handle India in Atlanta

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