

## SAFETY PROCEDURES DURING THE HURRICANE

- Follow the instructions of Public Safety, police officers, and emergency personnel.
- **Residence hall students**, follow the instructions of residential life staff.
- Stay indoors until advised to exit.
- Stay in interior hallways and keep doors closed.
- Do not open windows or doors to see what is happening outside.
- Beware of the “eye” of the storm. The “eye” is the center of the hurricane, which may bring a temporary period when the air may be calmed. Do not leave your safety or shelter until advised by Public Safety or the local officials. Residential students will be notified by residential life staff.
- When the “all-clear” is given, exit your location with extreme care. Beware of electric wires, broken glass, and falling or fallen objects.
- Do not enter structures, vehicles, or areas that are damaged; many people are killed after a storm by electrocution.
- For NSU opening information, call the **NSU HURRICANE HOTLINE** at **800-256-5065**.
- Enter NSU property only after permitted, and follow safety instructions.

## BROADCAST INFORMATION

A voice mail message regarding the status of the university closure will be available at 800-256-5065.

The NSU telephone central switchboard will also be available for direct information.

 **NSU  
HURRICANE  
HOTLINE  
800-256-5065**

## REOPENING INFORMATION

University staff members and students should tune into radio and television stations for a status report as to when the university will reopen.

Keep a **portable radio** and plenty of spare radio batteries.

### RADIO STATIONS

WNSU	ca FM 92.9
WIOD	AM 610
WINZ	AM 940
WFTL	AM 1400
WKIS	FM 99.9
WHYI	FM 100.7
WBGG	FM 105.9
WRMA	FM 106.7

### TELEVISION STATIONS

WFOR	CHANNEL 4 (CBS)
WTVJ	CHANNEL 6 (NBC)
WSVN	CHANNEL 7 (FOX)
WPLG	CHANNEL 10 (ABC)
WLTV	CHANNEL 23 (Univision)
WSCV	CHANNEL 51 (Telemundo)

### REOPENING CONFIRMATION

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## STORM ADVISORY AND PREPARATION

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## INTRODUCTION

The hurricane season normally extends from June 1 to November 30 each year.

### Definition:

A hurricane is a **severe tropical cyclone** originating in the equatorial regions of the Atlantic Ocean or Caribbean Sea, traveling north, northwest, or northeast and usually involving heavy rains. A tropical storm becomes a hurricane when its winds reach a speed of 75 miles per hour. **NOTE:** The speed that a hurricane travels across land or sea is usually 10 to 20 miles per hour.

## HURRICANE PREPARATION

A number of hurricanes reach land each year, causing death and massive destruction of property.

**Safety** is the most important element in your hurricane plan.

Local news media periodically broadcast alerts with regard to hurricane location, intensity, and direction of travel. Surviving a hurricane is possible, if one considers that property is not worth risking life.

The key to survival both during and after a hurricane is **preparedness**. Preparedness means having and implementing a sound hurricane plan.

Preparation for a hurricane involves knowing when to secure property and when to evacuate the threatened area.

**Evacuation** is the best precaution for surviving any hurricane. Hurricanes usually travel over sea or land masses at a speed that will allow people to evacuate. Any preparation plan should include the possibility of evacuation.

## HURRICANE WATCHES AND WARNINGS

A hurricane **watch** is a governmental agency announcement issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions, generally to strike within 36 hours.

A hurricane **warning** is an announcement issued for an area when hurricane conditions are expected to strike within 24 hours.

When a hurricane **warning** is received, all protective preparations should be made, with the expectation that the hurricane will strike.

Nova Southeastern University provides a 24-hour **HURRICANE HOTLINE** for this type of emergency. The **HOTLINE** number is **800-256-5065**.

Local hurricane shelter information can be obtained through county governmental information telephone numbers. For Broward County shelter information, contact **NSU Public Safety at (954) 262-8999**.

## HURRICANE WATCH

In the event of a hurricane watch, the university president will confer with members of NSU administrative staff in preparation for hurricane protection activity.

Members of the university community should begin plans for evacuating the campus and prepare facilities and equipment for hurricane protection.

## HURRICANE WARNING

### UNIVERSITY CLOSING

If a **hurricane warning** is issued, the university president will decide if the university will be evacuated. **Note:** Only the president may declare NSU or any of its properties closed.

If the president orders the **closing** of the university, the appropriate directives will be relayed by the vice presidents and deans to their areas of responsibility.

NSU Office of Public Affairs will contact broadcast and print news organizations for immediate broadcast notification.

## CLOSING PREPARATION

### OFFICE AND CLASSROOM

Prepare office and/or work space for wind, water damage, and flooding.

- Clear desk tops completely.
- Protect books, computers, and property with plastic sheeting and masking tape—contact Physical Plant for plastic sheeting and tape.
- Secure glass, heavy, and sharp objects—carefully store items so that they will not fall.
- Take rolodexes, books, and diaries with you.
- Disconnect all electrical equipment.
- Clear any laboratory tables and areas of all apparatus and glassware and place items into secure storage.
- Computers: Copy hard drive onto disks and take disks with you. Remove personal property, including electronic equipment. **Do not remove** NSU computers (except laptops).
- **Do not tape** window glass.

### STUDENT HOUSING

- Pull all furniture away from windows. Expect water damage and flooding. Place loose articles and electronic items away from windows and onto closet shelves and in dresser drawers; lock doors.
- Those students who reside in rooms that are equipped with bathtubs are requested to clean the tub and fill it halfway with water. Fill several small containers with clean, fresh water for drinking purposes.
- All windows must be closed tightly. If window blinds are provided, the blinds should be down and closed.
- **Do not tape** window glass.
- Each student should provide his or her own flashlight and radio, with extra batteries.
- **CANDLES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Do not use candles because they are a fire hazard.
- Residents should provide themselves with an adequate supply of nonperishable foods and water to last two or three days.

