

Wind Storm

Before the storm

- Listen to storm warnings on the weather forecast.
- Make sure your emergency kit is always ready and easily accessible.
- Identify places where you and your family can shelter.
- Agree with your family on a safe meeting point after the storm.
- Prune dead branches from trees, and cut down dead trees.
- Tie down anything that might be torn or blown away by the wind, such as garden furniture, garbage cans, satellite dishes, etc.

During the storm

- Go down into the basement and take shelter under a solid piece of furniture. If your house does not have a basement, take shelter in a small central room (corridor, bathroom, wardrobe).
- Do not stay in a mobile home, because it could be blown away by the wind.
- Avoid large rooms, such as stadiums, amphitheatres and gymnasiums.
- Stay well away from openings and windows, and keep your back to them.
- If you are outside, lie face down on the ground in a ditch or depression, and protect your head with your hands.

After the wind dies down

- Watch out for any objects that may have fallen and broken, such as glass, tin roofing, crockery, etc.
- Always assume that electrical wires are live, even if they are on the ground.
- Never go into a building that has been damaged by the storm.
- Survey the quality of drinking water.