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Stormy Weather

Storm Warning!

Hurricane season is here.

A **hurricane** is a spinning storm. It brings heavy rain and strong winds.

Most hurricanes happen at this time of year. The season lasts from June to November.



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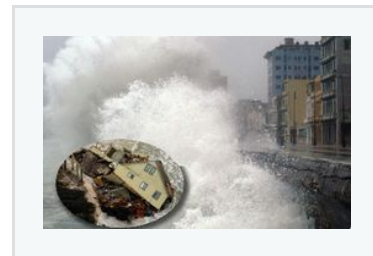
Do you live in an area where hurricanes happen?

If so, know what to do. Check weather alerts.

They will tell you how to stay safe.

Hurricane winds can be harmful. They can rip the roofs off houses and tear down trees.

Strong winds can also cause big waves to form in the ocean. When the large waves push onto the shore, it is called a **storm surge**. That can cause flooding.



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How Does a Hurricane Form?



Sean Parkes

(1) Warm ocean water turns into tiny drops of water in the air. They form clouds.

(2) Winds make the clouds spin together. They spin faster and faster.



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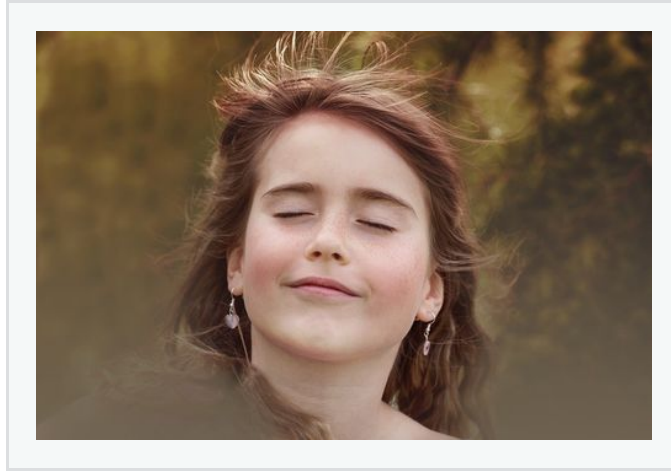
(3) A hurricane forms. Clouds spin around the **eye**. That is the storm's calm center.



Sean Parkes

Blow, Wind, Blow

By ReadWorks



What is wind? Wind is air that moves. Wind can help you fly a kite. Wind can blow a hat off your head. Wind can blow leaves around.

Strong winds can blow over the land. They can blow over the water. Strong winds can cause harm. Winds can blow down big trees. They can even blow cars off the road. Watch out for strong winds!

A Hurricane Is a Big Storm

By ReadWorks



Hurricanes are big storms. They form over the ocean. They can move toward land. Hurricanes bring lots of wind and rain.

Hurricanes are spinning storms. The center of the storm is called the eye. The weather is calm in the eye.

People can stay safe during a storm. They need to get ready before the storm arrives. They can prepare an emergency kit. People should stay inside when the storm comes.

Be Ready for Dust Storms

By Kate Paixao



Have you heard of dust storms? These storms happen in dry places. Strong wind picks up sand and dirt from the ground. The wind carries the sand and dirt through the air.

Dust storms can hurt people. Sand and dirt may blow into people's eyes, nose, and mouth. That is dangerous.

People who live where dust storms happen must be ready. They should pack an emergency kit. The kit should have a mask to cover the mouth and nose. The kit should also have goggles to protect eyes. People need water and a blanket, too. If a dust storm comes, they will be prepared.

Stay Safe From Lightning

By Kate Paixao



Lightning can be scary. A bright light flashes across the sky. Next, you hear a loud crack of thunder. Rain is falling. What should you do?

Go inside. Lightning is dangerous. Lightning could hit a tree or a building. It could cause an emergency such as a forest fire. But you can stay safe. Stay inside if you hear a lightning storm is coming. Go inside if you are out when a storm starts. If you are outside, stay away from tall trees.