

SUMMER STORM SAFETY



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Tips for nonprofit teams to withstand wicked weather

HIDE FROM THE WIND, RUN FROM THE WATER.

HURRICANE EVACUATION SAVES LIVES

9 of 10 hurricane fatalities are caused by water (e.g., storm surges, flooding).

1 of 10 hurricane fatalities are caused by wind.

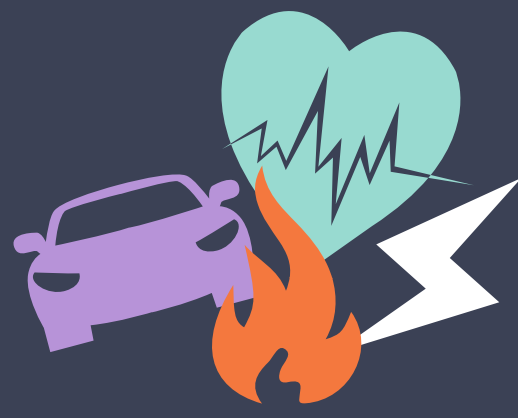
STORM SURGE = abnormal rise of the ocean above predicted tides, caused by a storm.

HURRICANES CAUSE INDIRECT FATALITIES, TOO

1 in 3 indirect hurricane fatalities are cardiovascular (heart) failures.

Hearts fail when people overexert themselves while preparing for or recovering from a storm.

Other indirect fatalities are related to car accidents, electrocution, and fires.



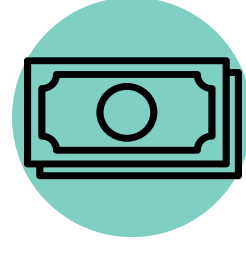
PREPARE WITH A HURRICANE KIT



Medication & medical equipment



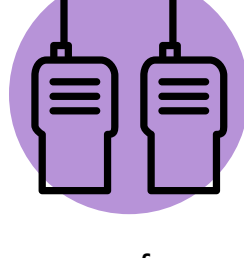
First Aid supplies



Cash



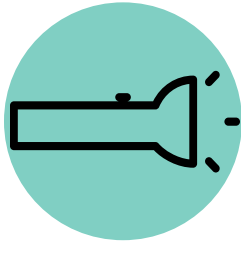
Battery-powered radio



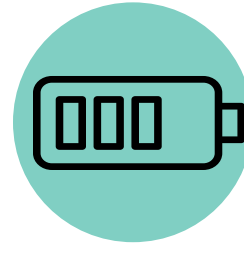
Waterproof two-way radios (walkie talkies)



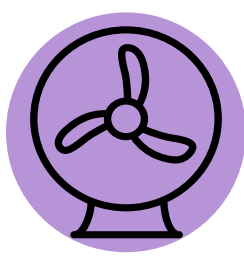
Bottled water



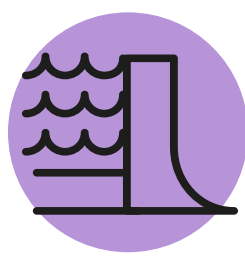
Flashlights



Cell phone car charger



Emergency portable air conditioning unit



Quick Dam flood barriers

WHEN FACING A HURRICANE



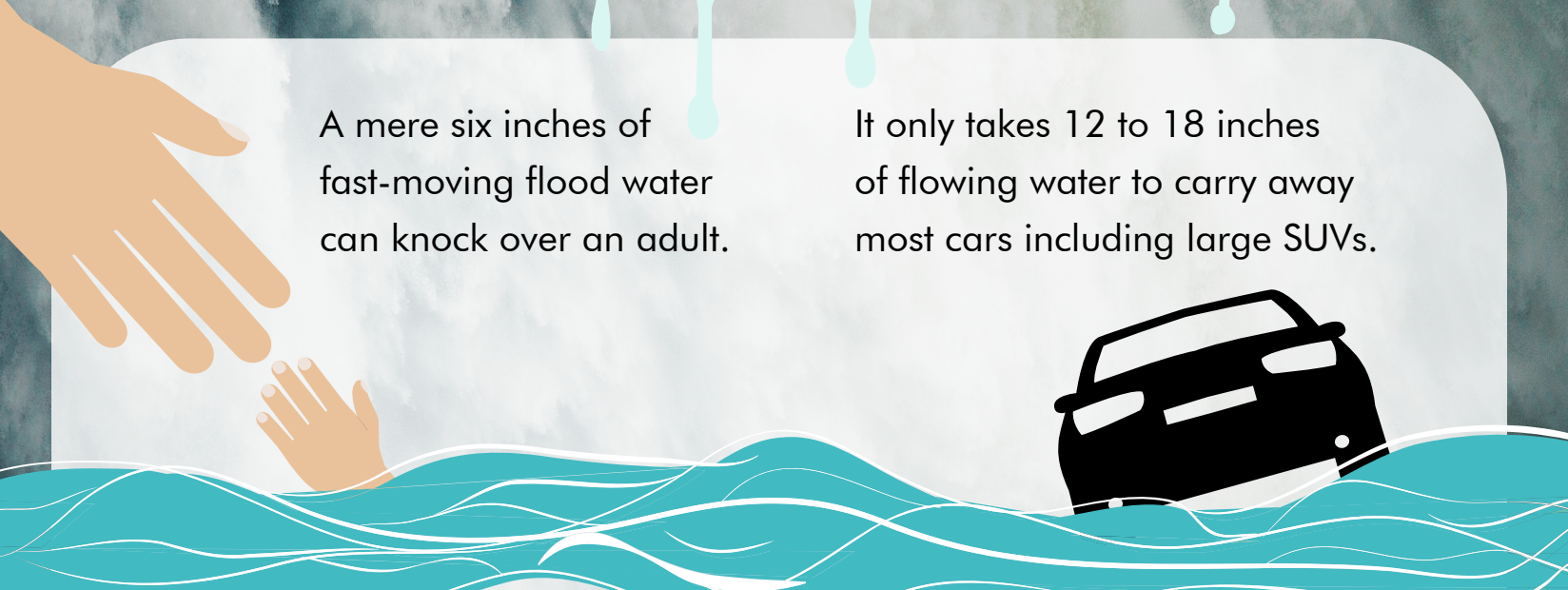
- Care for the elderly, children and pets
- Don't overexert yourself
- Don't stay home alone
- Don't light candles
- Don't run generators indoors
- Evacuate when you are told to leave
- Stay on high ground
- If driving, avoid flooded roads and standing water; if your car floods, get out immediately
- Stay away from fallen power lines

TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN®

Flooding is the leading cause of severe weather-related deaths in the U.S., claiming an average of nearly 100 lives per year. Deaths often occur when people walk or drive into flood waters.

A mere six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult.

It only takes 12 to 18 inches of flowing water to carry away most cars including large SUVs.



Visit the National Weather Service (weather.gov)

to learn more about the need to

Turn Around Don't Drown®

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER STORM SEASON!



Find the answer here | nonprofitrisk.org

SOURCES:

National Weather Service (weather.gov)

The Weather Channel (weather.com)

National Hurricane Center (www.nhc.noaa.gov)

Quick Dam (www.quickdams.com)

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