

Weathering the Weather

Our previous safety newsletter (available at www.nextep.com under Resource Library) detailed how to prepare your company to withstand weather disasters. This quarter's newsletter will help in dealing specifically with the harsh weather that often comes with spring. These safety tips can help keep employees safe both on and off the job when battling the elements.

Tornado

- o **In the office:** Try to get to the innermost part of the building. Avoid upper floors and windows.
- o **Outside:** Lie flat in a ditch or other low area. Avoid trees and power lines.
- o **In the car:** If driving is absolutely required, drive at right angles to the tornado. If that's impossible, get out of the car and find a low spot.

Flood

- o **In the office:** Be prepared for power outages and keep a flashlight and first aid kit stocked. Avoid underground parking garages.
- o **Outside:** Get to higher ground immediately if the water goes above ankle-deep. Rushing water as shallow as six inches can sweep a person off of his or her feet.
- o **In the car:** Never attempt to drive through a flooded road or around a flood barricade. Six inches of water is enough to stall a car and two feet can float it. If your vehicle does stall, abandon it for higher ground.

Hurricane

- o **In the office:** Take shelter in an inner bathroom or basement away from windows. Shut off utilities, board up windows, and stay indoors until the authorities deem it safe to go outside.
- o **Outside:** Secure loose items ahead of time. If evacuating, don't walk through moving water that is more than six inches deep.
- o **In the car:** Hurricanes come with plenty of warning, so the safest option is to use your car to evacuate the area ahead of time. Never try to drive during a hurricane.

For more information, visit www.nsc.org or www.weatherpreparedness.com.



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PERSONALLY.**

**MAKE IT PART
OF YOUR DAILY
ROUTINE.**

THINK SAFETY!

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