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Public Service Announcement

Hurricanes!

- ⦿ August and September are the peak months of the hurricane season which lasts from June 1 to November 30.

- ⦿ Hurricane hazards come in many forms: Storm Surges, High Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding. This means it is important for your business to have a plan that includes all of these hazards.

- ⦿ Over the past 60 years, Maine has experienced 14 hurricanes. Most are Category 1 or 2, which means that the state could experience 110+ mile per hour winds.

- ⦿ The destructive power of a hurricane in one day is equivalent to the detonation of approximately 800 atomic bombs. Or the power produced by a hurricane in one day could supply the entire United States with electrical power for 6 months.

- ⦿ Be Prepared –
 - If your building is unsafe for occupancy during high winds, you may be required to evacuate.
 - Back up computer records and move these along with other essential documents to a safe location.
 - Anchor portable storage buildings. Secure exhaust fans, wind turbines and air conditioning units.
 - Obtain battery-operated radios and spare batteries so that you can receive emergency information.
 - Wind pressure and wind blow debris can break windows so board up windows and brace doors.