



FS/HAAF GARRISON SAFETY OFFICE

Outsmart the Darkness: Your Weekly Safety Spotlight



Severe Weather

Severe weather can strike with little warning. Preparedness helps reduce injuries and damage from events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe thunderstorms common in Coastal Georgia.

Monitoring & Alerts

In order to stay prepared, Stay Informed

- Sign up for NOAA Weather Alerts
- Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS)
- Monitor local news and weather apps

Know the Difference Between Watches and Warnings

- Weather Watch—Signifies that conditions are favorable for hazardous weather or hydrologic event to occur in the specific area
- Weather Warning—Issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, signifying a threat to life or property in the specific area

Know When to Hold 'em, Know When to Fold 'em

Sheltering

- Identify safe shelter locations in buildings
- Practice moving to shelter quickly during drills
- Preposition emergency kit and supplies at shelter location
- Storm proof your home by moving loose items (which will become projectiles in high winds) inside or tying down, board up windows, tape glass, prepare for power outage, store water etc...

Evacuation

- Have evacuation locations planned
- Know primary and alternate evacuation routes
- Know conditions necessary to prompt evacuation
- Have an emergency kit staged or in vehicle
- If evacuation has been ordered in your area, understand that it may impact Emergency Services
- Evacuate early rather than late

Post-Storm Safety

Utilities

- Avoid downed power lines, assume all electrical lines are energized
- Report hazards to local authorities
- Prepare for prolonged power outage which may affect water pumps leaving you without water or power
- Ensure generators, if used, are positioned outside and exhaust is directed away from windows/fans

Infrastructure

- Avoid flooded areas
- Check buildings for structural damage prior to entry
- Be aware that heavy rains may cause mudslides or washouts in certain areas
- Road closures, downed trees and power lines and flooding may degrade emergency services access or response times