

# Know Your Hurricane Risk!

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Don't get comfortable! We're heading into the peak of the hurricane season and we need you to stay prepared!

We've had some of the most devastating hurricanes we've seen, around this time of the year (August-October). Hurricane Dorian, Maria and Katrina are just some examples of these. [Here are a few ways to get storm read.](#)

## **Do you know your hurricane risks?**

To properly assess what type of preparation needs to be done as well as to effectively plan for your family in emergency situations, you need to identify your potential risks. Here are a few things to consider when assessing risks this hurricane season.

### **• Where Do You Live?**

Do you live on the coast? Persons who live along the coastline are most at risk for intense winds, flooding and storm surges. Those living inland, are usually at risk for winds, thunderstorms, and flooding.

### **• Examine the Structure of Your Home**

Hurricane winds and rain can enter weak areas of your home such as windows, doors, and roofs, causing severe damage. Check around your home for cracks and holes.

### **• Personal Circumstances**

If you are not in a financial or physical position to get your home prepared for the storm, you should ensure you have an evacuation plan, know your nearest hurricane shelter or organize early with family and friends to ride out the storm with them.

### **• Island life!**

The risks of being hit by a hurricane differs between each Caribbean country and its geographical location. We know that some islands rarely experience hurricanes and are less likely to be hit than others. Though this may be true, nature is unpredictable, and we are all still susceptible to tropical storms and flooding. We ask that you STAY prepared in this season.

What are your risks?