



# SAFETY INSIGHTS

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## Hurricane Preparedness



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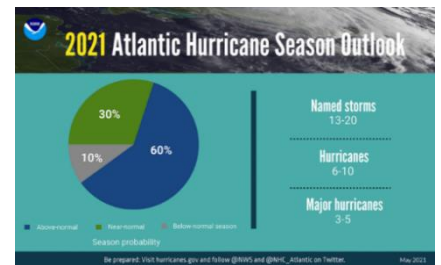
### Don't Make it a Severe Weather Experiment

Laboratory equipment, materials and research can be protected from loss during severe weather events by taking precautions that will minimize the impact of dangerous conditions (e.g. wind, rain, flooding) and loss of services (electric, heat, water). Prepare a lab contingency plan that meets your specific needs. This plan should be shared with your lab, your department and your building manager for inclusion in the building emergency plan. The plan should be implemented whenever a severe weather event has been issues. Remember, you must take responsibility to protect your laboratory and research. Complete the [Stony Brook Lab Safety Hurricane Preparedness Checklist](#)

### Message from the Dpt. Of Emergency Management



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With summer upon us, the Stony Brook University Police Department - [Office of Emergency Management](#) reminds you that along with sun and fun, comes the potential of hurricanes. Beginning on June 1st, the Atlantic Hurricane season runs through November 30th and is expected to be quite active. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center is expecting a 60% chance of another "above-normal" hurricane season, but not to exceed the record-setting storm activity of 2020. Of the expected 13-20 named tropical storms this year, approximately half are likely to generate wind speeds to elevate them to hurricane status (74+ mph wind speeds). Half of those hurricanes are likely to be designated as categories 3, 4, or 5 with wind speeds exceeding 111 mph according to the NOAA.

The UPD- OEM encourages you to begin preparations to protect yourself and your families both on campus and at home. As we did before, we continue to work closely with Environmental Health & Safety to keep the campus community safe under the new division of Enterprise Risk Management. Along with many other campus partners under the ERM umbrella, we are continuously monitoring the weather and planning accordingly to minimize impact to our campus community. Your safety is our first priority! For additional information on preparing and hurricane safety, click [here](#). For more information on the NOAA 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook, click [here](#).

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