



TIPS to SURVIVE*

Resources and Guidance—Agencies

Apply specific needs to survival techniques that match your agency. Consider all the possibilities, but only take actions that fit the scenario.

- Maintain appropriate contacts as needed. Do so safely and using recommended resources. Follow local guidance.
- Control your risk. If you have monitoring systems in place, monitor for failures. Take appropriate action to address any failures as they occur, but only if it is safe to do so. Never take action that may put someone at risk of harm or injury. If it can wait, address it when it is safe to take further action.
- Unless you are without resources, consider making notes of items to address once the danger is over.
- Monitor storm progression and communicate with your leadership to activate the emergency response team when appropriate.

Resources and Guidance—Employees

Your preparation should be complete as far in advance as possible. Survival mode is about getting through the storm. Using the resources mentioned in the preparation section of this toolkit, you should have everything you need to maintain physical, emotional, and mental fortitude through this event.

- Monitor weather conditions throughout the storm. As changes occur, you should remain flexible to take any immediate actions identified by local resources, such as official emergency personnel. If you are using an emergency radio, continue to do so until you have confirmed that conditions are safe to start recovery.
- As long as communication devices are available, check in frequently with family members in the storm's path to ensure everyone is ok. This will provide mental and emotional support for everyone. Some families prefer to create a circle of care to share this responsibility.
- Contact your leadership if you have an emergency when it is safe to use communication devices.
- Once the storm has passed through your area, communicate with your leadership for expectations.

*This is basic guidance. Please reach out to your SORM Enterprise Risk Manager for specific guidance.