

Emergency Preparedness ■ Hurricanes

■ Individual and Group Safety Information

The following are important safety considerations for individuals:

- Remember that the National Weather Service issues a HURRICANE WATCH when the possibility of the path of a hurricane could threaten the region.
- A HURRICANE WARNING is issued when a hurricane is spotted or its path indicated on Doppler radar.
- All faculty and staff should know the difference between a HURRICANE WATCH and HURRICANE WARNING.
- Stay in basements OR interior hallways on the ground floor that are NOT parallel to the hurricane's path.
- Never take shelter in buildings with wide, free-span roofs (e.g. Moore Fieldhouse).
- Avoid all windows and other glassed areas.
- Faculty and staff are advised to become familiar with the Severe Weather Shelter Zone buildings closest to their office/work stations.
- Upon notice of a HURRICANE WATCH, faculty and staff should take special note of the location of their personal belongings in the event that an evacuation should take place in the near future. Upon notice of a HURRICANE WARNING, turn your computer off, gather personal items (purse, cell phone, office keys), lock your office, and move quickly to a Severe Weather Shelter Zone.
- Once in a shelter area, individuals should assume a protective posture, including covering one's head, facing an interior wall.
- Remember that most hurricane deaths are caused by head injuries.
- Please do not leave the shelter until the "all clear" sign is given on the WeatherChek line, public address system and/or by members of the University Police Department.