

Cyclone Survival Tips

BEFORE THE CYCLONE

- Ignore rumours. Stay calm, don't panic.
- Keep your mobile phones charged to ensure connectivity' use SMS
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates .
- Prepare an emergency kit with essential items for safety and survival.
- Secure your house, carry out repairs. Don't leave sharp objects loose.
- Untie cattle/animals them to ensure their safety
- For Fishermen
- Keep a radio set with extra batteries handy
- Keep boats or rafts tied up in a safe place
- Don't venture out in the sea

DURING A CYCLONE

If you're indoors

- Switch off electrical mains, gas supply
- Keep doors and windows shut
- If your house is unsafe, leave early before the onset of the cyclone
- Listen to radio/transistor
- Drink boiled/chlorinated water
- Rely only on official warnings

If you're outdoors

- Don't enter damaged buildings.
- Watch out for broken electric poles and wires, other sharp objects.
- Seek a safe shelter as soon as possible.

General

- Take care of the old and young.
- All family members remain close.
- Switch of all electrical appliances.
- Stay in an empty room.
- Movable items should be kept securely tied.
- Try to help your neighbours, but don't go out during cyclone.

AFTER A CYCLONE

- Those who shifted to the cyclone centre must remain there till instructions are received.
- Strictly avoid loose electrical wires after the cyclone.
- Beware of snakes and other animals immediately after the cyclone.
- Clear debris and carcasses from/near the premise after the cyclone.
- Report losses truthfully and accurately to the authorities.