

Cerf+ The Artists Safety Net HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS **PROTECT YOUR ART STUDIO**

ADVANCED ACTIONS: WHAT TO DO NOW

SAFEGUARD YOUR STUDIO

Record a visual inventory - either video or photos - of artwork, artmaking equipment and materials with your smartphone

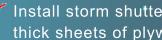
Back up your business and artistic records with an external hard drive or cloud storage service

Store copies of your records at a Safe Off-Site Location - a place far enough away that it would be unlikely to be affected by the same disaster

Put together a "quick grab" waterproof container that contains copies of career, business and artmaking documents critical to resume work

INSPECT + PROTECT BUILDING

Windows:



Install storm shutters or prepare 5/8" thick sheets of plywood

Roof:

Install straps or additional clips to secure roofing materials; clear and fix gutters and downspouts

Trees + Shrubs:

Trim and remove dead or hanging wood



CREATE AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Get a Disaster Buddy - someone who lives outside your region who can provide you with emergency support and communication

Record and exchange contact information with your co-workers, employees, neighbors, family and key business contacts.

Post contact information at home and in your studio and produce wallet-sized emergency contact cards.

MAKE AN EVACUATION PLAN

Map out a meeting place for you, your family and studio assistants and alternate routes for travel

Plan and practice workshop shutdown and evacuation



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WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE IS ON THE WAY

SECURE YOUR STUDIO: EXTERIOR

Screw plywood over windows or close storm shutters

Sandbag doorways and perimeter

Bring any easily movable outdoor art objects inside

Lock the entrance(s)



EVACUATION OR STAY PUT

Review/update your "quick grab" container

Transport easily movable equipment or artwork to off-site location

Pack up easily portable tools, supplies and equipment

Keep tuned into your local Emergency Alert System and plan two possible evacuation routes



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

SECURE YOUR STUDIO: INTERIOR

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Unplug equipment and all cable connections

Elevate equipment, storage unit and artwork at least 1 ft off the floor and away from windows

Wrap shelves, storage units, computers and other equipment in heavy plastic and secure with waterproof tape

Move items to a higher floor if possible, and avoid attic and basement area for storage



Let your Disaster Buddy know where you're going and possible evacuation routes

If you're away from your studio:

Confirm the procedure for shutting down operations and securing your studio with assistants, neighbors, family and others

Review post-disaster meeting place and communications system

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