



# Severe Weather Tips and Information

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The following documents and links are provided by Eastern Alliance Insurance Group to assist you in working safely during restoration and clean-up following storms and other severe weather events. For additional information or assistance please contact your Eastern Alliance Risk Management Consultant.

### Tips along with printable quick reference cards from OSHA:

- Demolition – Only qualified personnel and contractors should perform demolition work associated with storm damage. Ensure all employees follow safe work practices for demolition work if your only option is to complete this work in-house. Be cautious of overhead hazards (falling debris), open floor areas, unsupported walls and other hazards associated with storm damage. Link to OSHA quick reference on demolition safety: [http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data\\_Hurricane\\_Facts/demolition\\_safety\\_tips.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/demolition_safety_tips.pdf)
- Tree trimming – Only qualified personnel and contractors should perform tree trimming activities. Follow safe work practices with powered equipment, such as chainsaws. Provide appropriate personal protective equipment to employees and ensure its use while using chainsaws and other equipment. Proper procedures should be used when felling trees to avoid serious injury. Link to OSHA quick reference sheet on tree trimming and removal: [https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data\\_Hurricane\\_Facts/tree\\_trimming\\_safety.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/tree_trimming_safety.pdf) Link to OSHA quick reference card on chainsaws: [https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data\\_Hurricane\\_Facts/chain\\_saw\\_safety.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/chain_saw_safety.pdf)
- Electrical safety – Keeping employees safe from electrical exposures following a storm needs to be a priority for everyone. Link to OSHA quick reference card on electrical safety: [https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data\\_Hurricane\\_Facts/electrical\\_safety.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/electrical_safety.pdf)
- Mold – The risk of mold after a storm is high and precautions have to be taken to eliminate mold as well as prevent employee exposure to mold. Link to OSHA quick reference sheet: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3713.pdf>
- Generators – Many contractors rely on generators every day to provide power. During storm clean up generators take on an even greater role in providing much needed power in areas with power outages. It is important that safe procedures be followed while using generators to control carbon monoxide and electrocution exposures. Link to OSHA quick reference card on generator safety: [http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data\\_Hurricane\\_Facts/portable\\_generators.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/portable_generators.pdf)



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### Links to safety information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

- Tornado Response Safety- <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/tornado.html>
- Natural Disasters and Severe Weather- <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/index.html>
- Safe driving tip - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/interimdrivesafely.html>
- Carbon Monoxide safety - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/cofacts.html>
- Chainsaw safety – For those who will be engaged in removing downed trees: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/chainsaws.html>
- Electrical hazards - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/elegenerators.html>
- Emergency wound care - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/woundcare.html>
- Risk of trench foot - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/trenchfoot.html>
- Immunization suggestions from the CDC
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/immunizations.html>

Looking for more information or have additional questions?

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