



# *Hurricane*

PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

2018

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## 2018 Hurricane Preparedness

***Hurricane Season 2018: Are You Prepared?*** According to forecasting from top meteorologists, this year's hurricane season (beginning on June 1 and ending November 30) is shaping up to be another big one with a greater than 60 percent chance of a major hurricane hitting the U.S. coastline. Researchers at Colorado State University estimate that seven hurricanes and 14 named storms will form during the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, with the intensity of the season slightly above the average from recent decades (TIME Magazine, April 2018).

An above-average hurricane season this year would follow devastation wrecked by a series of 12 named storms in 2017, including Hurricane Irma that impacted Central and South Florida.

Every hurricane season should be treated seriously, and taking simple precautions can help everyone stay safe in case of a natural disaster.

Throughout the 2017 hurricane season, LeadingAge Florida will work with our state partners and other associations to provide information and resources to our members. In addition to emergency contact information and other resources below, LeadingAge Florida and LeadingAge national staff stand ready to serve in any way that is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to communicate with the following LeadingAge contacts at any time with any requests for assistance or information:

- Steve Bahmer – (307) 287-4594
- Nancy Hooks – (518) 221-9817
- Susan Langston – (850) 545-6769
- Dawn Jiménez – (850) 321-3569
- Cecka Rose Green – (850) 597-0863

These individuals will be in touch with the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Department of Health (DOH), and Department of Transportation (DOT). If a hurricane hits Florida, LeadingAge Florida team will help to **staff ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services** (emergency support function) at the state EOC throughout the storms to receive and communicate critical information as efficiently as possible.

Additionally, LeadingAge Florida will provide emergency communications via email alerts and social media posts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), as necessary.

In case of emergency, your first point of contact should be your local EOC. [Click here](#) to find the link to all 67 County Emergency Management Offices. All emergency management offices maintain a list of people within the community with a disability or a special need so they can be assisted quickly during an emergency.

In addition to contacting your local Emergency Management Office, your community should [log-in](#) to the [AHCA EMResource system](#) and update your status twice daily (9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.). *Please note, your contacts at LeadingAge Florida will be at the EMR as a safety net, should the communications need arise.*

## State Emergency Operations Center | 1-(800) 342-3557



The Florida Division of Emergency Management, which operated the State EOC, offers an interactive online tool to help you develop an emergency plan for yourself, your family or your business. For more information or to create your plan, visit [www.floridadisaster.org/getaplan/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/getaplan/).

If you are unable to get through to your local EOC, the following numbers are operational during emergency events:

- Florida Emergency Information Line, 1-(800) 342-3557; and
- ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services, State EOC, (850) 410-1823.

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## Agency for Health Care Administration | (850) 412-4303



Call the appropriate licensure unit at AHCA if your nursing home or assisted living community decides to evacuate, or if you have questions. Below are the numbers to call for assistance with logging in to EMResource:

- Long-Term Care Unit, (850) 412-4303; or
- Assisted Living Unit, (850) 412-4304.

Additionally, below are cell phone numbers for AHCA leadership. If you require emergency assistance and your needs have not been met by your local EOC, please call:

- Secretary Justin Senior, (850) 528-9129; or
- Deputy Secretary for Health Quality Assurance Molly McKinstry, (850) 519-3560.

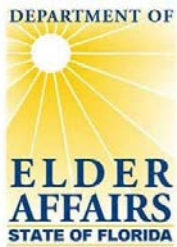
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## Florida Department of Health



The Florida DOH's website also has valuable information that can help you plan for emergency situations: [www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/index.html](http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/index.html).

## Florida Department of Elder Affairs



The information provided in the “Disaster Preparedness Guide for Seniors” by the state Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) can help seniors take proper steps to be safe and secure during and after an emergency event:

[http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/pubs/EU/EUdisaster2016/Disaster Guide 2016 english web.pdf](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/pubs/EU/EUdisaster2016/Disaster_Guide_2016_english_web.pdf).

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### Additional Assistance

Remember to stay tuned to traditional lines of communications, such as local television and radio stations. You also may want to check social media platforms, such as Facebook™ and Twitter™, for update regarding severe weather situations and available emergency assistance. Below are additional websites to which you can refer to get valuable information:

- Florida Department of Emergency Management - [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org);
- American Red Cross - [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); and
- Federal Emergency Management Agency - [www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org).

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### LeadingAge Disaster Resources: Preparedness, Response and Recovery



LeadingAge has a user-friendly toolkit that includes videos, guides, worksheets and checklists to help housing organizations prepare to respond when disaster strikes. You can access this guide at [www.leadingage.org/members/disaster-resources-preparedness-response-and-recovery](http://www.leadingage.org/members/disaster-resources-preparedness-response-and-recovery).

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