

A GUIDE TO HURRICANE SEASON IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

We are committed to providing you with the best possible experience while you are in the Cayman Islands. That's why we have compiled the following FAQs regarding hurricane season and how it could potentially affect your travel plans.

1 WHEN DOES HURRICANE SEASON BEGIN AND END?
 Hurricane season for the Atlantic and Caribbean is 1 June - 30 November.

2 WHAT DO THE STORM WARNINGS MEAN?

TROPICAL STORM	
	Tropical Storm Alert - Tropical storm conditions are expected within 72 hours
	Tropical Storm Watch - Tropical storm conditions are expected within 48 hours
	Tropical Storm Warning - Tropical storm conditions are expected within 36 hours
	All Clear - the storm has left the area, but caution should prevail
HURRICANE	
	Hurricane Alert - Hurricane could strike within 72 hours
	Hurricane Watch - Hurricane could strike within 48 hours
	Hurricane Warning - Hurricane could strike within 36 hours
	All Clear - threat from weather has passed

3 HOW ARE STORMS CLASSIFIED?
 Storms are classified according to their wind speed:
 Tropical Storm - Wind speeds 34-73 mph
 Category 1 Hurricane - Wind speeds 74-96 mph
 Category 2 Hurricane - Wind speeds 97-110 mph
 Category 3 Hurricane - Wind speeds 111-130 mph
 Category 4 Hurricane - Wind speeds 131-155 mph
 Category 5 Hurricane - Wind speeds over 155 mph

4 WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO REMAIN INFORMED ABOUT A POTENTIAL STORM?
 There are several ways for guests to remain informed in the event of a potential storm:
Accommodations: Guests should contact the front desk at their accommodations for information and updates.
Television: Guests can monitor the local government television station for weather updates.
Radio: If available, guests may listen to the Cayman Islands Government radio station, Radio Cayman on:
 Radio Cayman One • 89.9FM on Grand Cayman • 93.9FM on Cayman Brac and Little Cayman Radio Cayman Two • 105.3FM Cayman Weather Radio • 107.9FM
 There are also a number of privately owned radio stations available. Many Cayman Islands websites provide up to the minute information on storm activity. Guests may visit www.caymanprepared.ky for the most recent advisories, also hurricane advisories are available on:
 • www.gov.ky • www.ourcayman.ky
 • facebook.com/VisitCaymanIslands
 • twitter.com/Cayman_Islands
 • facebook.com/Caymanhazard
 • twitter.com/cineoc

5 WHEN SHOULD I CONSIDER MAKING PLANS FOR AN EARLY DEPARTURE?
 The decision to remain on-island during a tropical storm or hurricane is a personal one. Guests who wish to remain at their resort and are permitted to do so by resort management must, for their own safety and the safety of others, follow all instructions given to them by property management until they are advised that the All Clear has been given. Each resort property has a carefully considered hurricane plan and the needs of all guests will be assessed and addressed by applying that plan. As an example, if the

need arises, management may move guests on the ground floor to a second story room. In the rare instances when a severe storm is impending, Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) may issue an evacuation order. If an evacuation order is issued, the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism will immediately advise all properties of this decision and of the action plan for evacuation. The penalty for not complying with an evacuation order may be arrest and/or imprisonment.

6 IF I STAY ON ISLAND, WHAT IS THE BEST PLACE TO SITUATE MYSELF IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE?
 During a hurricane, guests should remain inside at all times. This is particularly true during a Hurricane Warning (when a hurricane is likely to hit within 36 hours). Guests on the ground floor may be directed by property management to move to a higher floor. Remember to not venture outside during the 'eye' (an area of calm weather at the centre of the storm) to see what is going on. Stay inside until authorities announce that it is safe to go outside.

7 IF I HAVE TO EVACUATE MY HOTEL OR CONDO/VILLA, WHERE SHOULD I GO?
 In the event that you have to evacuate your accommodations, and it is too late to depart the island, your property management will provide guidelines on where the nearest government shelter is and how to get there.

8 IF I HAVE TO EVACUATE TO A GOVERNMENT SHELTER WHAT SHOULD I TAKE WITH ME?
 Unfortunately, there is not enough space in the shelter for you to take all your suitcases with you. Leave them in the safety of your hotel room, or in an alternate location advised by your property management and plan on returning to them when the "All Clear" is given. The Hazard Management Cayman Islands has created the following checklist for those items guests should bring to an evacuation shelter:

- Drinking water for at least three days (1-2 gallons per person/per day)
- Non-perishable food and drink for at least three days - remember there are no cooking or refrigeration facilities
- A change of clothing and sturdy, protective shoes
- Cash
- Prescription medicine
- Personal ID, passports, tickets
- Rain gear, hat, sunglasses
- Sleeping bag, mat or blanket and pillow

EMERGENCY NUMBERS/IMPORTANT CONTACTS	
Grand Cayman Police/Fire/Hospital	911
Cayman Brac Police	911/948.0223
Cayman Brac Fire	911/948.1245/948.1293
Cayman Brac Hospital	911/948.2243
Little Cayman Police	911/948.0100
Little Cayman Fire	911/948.0011
Cayman Airways-Grand Cayman	949.2311
Cayman Airways-Cayman Brac	743.8695
Cayman Airways-Little Cayman	743.8625
Air Canada	1.888.247.2262
American Airlines	949.8156
British Airways	1.800.247.9297
Delta Air Lines	1.800.221.1212
JetBlue	1.855.710.2951
Southwest Airlines	1.844.670.7914
United	1.800.231.0856
WestJet	1.800.204.0081