



## MIDWAY FIRE RESCUE DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE

### FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INFORMATION FOR HURRICANE DORIAN

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**SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Pawleys Island, SC** – As Hurricane Dorian begins to impact our area, Midway Fire Rescue offers several reminders and fire and life safety tips to keep you and your family safe as the storm impacts our community.

1. Flooding can wash away road surfaces, leaving dangerous situations you cannot see. PLEASE AVOID driving or walking through moving water. Never move or drive around road barriers.
2. Always treat any downed wire as being energized, and DO NOT try to move. It is easy for live electric lines to tangle up with other wires and energize them.
3. Remember, it is not that “the wind is blowing,” it is “what the wind is blowing.” It is best to stay sheltered during the storm and not get in harm’s way.
4. Shelter inside your home in a center room during the height of the storm. Avoid areas which have windows or glass.
5. Keep your cell phone fully charged at all times, as well as any auxiliary charging devices.
6. Ensure all your home smoke alarms have fresh batteries, and are working properly.
7. Avoid using candles during a power outage, we suggest “flame-free” options for lighting (flashlights, battery-operated lanterns and battery-operated candles).
8. In the event of a power failure, cut off all stove burners and unplug all appliances which could produce heat (curling iron, hair dryer, coffee pot, toaster oven and crock pot).
9. If you utilize a portable generator, never operate the generator in your home, garage, or attached porch. Always locate the generator at least 20 feet away from your home.
10. Never utilize a charcoal or gas grill inside of a home, garage, porch or enclosed structure. Grills SHOULD ONLY be utilized in an outside area, away from the home.
11. Always follow safety instructions from Emergency Management officials.
12. For additional storm related information, please visit [http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/Emergency\\_Management/](http://www.georgetowncountysc.org/Emergency_Management/)

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