

STORM SEASON SAFETY



STAY SAFE IN HIGH WINDS

Hey Californians! As cooler months bring new challenges to our state, like high winds, Listos California is taking action to protect our communities.

While the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and first responders across our state prepare for this climate-driven extreme weather, there are a few simple steps YOU can take today to keep yourself, your loved ones and neighbors safe during high winds.

High winds can knock down trees and power lines, damage homes and buildings, and cause flying debris. Knowing what to do during high winds can save lives.



PREPARE FOR HIGH WINDS

- Monitor weather reports and official TV, radio and county emergency services channels. Sign up for local emergency alerts at ListosCalifornia.org/Alerts.
- When high winds are expected, remove any dead trees or overhanging branches near structures. Check for loose roofing materials.
- Secure outdoor objects – like furniture, toys or garbage cans in yards, on patios, or on balconies – that could blow away and cause damage or injury.
- High winds can cause power outages. Have enough water and food that does not need refrigeration for every member of your household. Fully charge backup batteries, prepare to keep medicines cold and medical devices charged, and have access to a battery-powered radio for news.
- Sign up for alerts through your energy company so you can be notified about any energy issues. If you use electric medical and assistive devices, be sure to enroll in a medical baseline program to ensure you're safe if the power goes off.



STAY SAFE DURING HIGH WINDS

- Go to the safest place, such as an interior room or a bathroom. Stay away from windows.
- Avoid going outside during high winds. If you are outside, find immediate shelter or take cover next to a building.





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- If you must drive, keep both hands on the wheel and slow down to a safe driving speed.
- Stay a safe distance away from other vehicles as strong gusts may blow them into adjacent lanes. Stay clear of box trucks, RVs and other higher-profile vehicles, as these are more likely to be affected by high winds.
- Turn on your headlights in case of blowing dust, sand, snow or rain. Watch for debris that may suddenly blow onto the roadway.
- If the wind becomes too strong for safe driving, pull over to the side of the road, turn on your hazard lights and wait for conditions to improve. Avoid parking near trees or other tall structures that could fall on your car.
- Never go near downed power lines. Avoid anything that may be touching a downed line, including tree branches and vehicles. Call 911 and your local utility provider to report downed power lines.



RECOVER FROM HIGH WINDS

- Take pictures to document any damage to your property before you start cleanup or repairs.
- If your home is not safe to stay in, call county officials to find shelter locations. Public shelters serve everyone and cannot ask for ID. Some shelters may better serve people with pets.
- Be careful when handling debris or helping neighbors or others in your community clean up.
- If you lost power, only use a generator outside, at least 20 feet from doors and windows. Do not use generators in wet conditions. Never use a generator indoors. Its poisonous exhaust can kill in minutes.
- Know that roads may be closed because of downed power lines or trees. Never drive around barricades.

