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# Tropical Storm and Hurricane Prep for Elevators

Help keep your passengers safe and prepare your elevator equipment in advance of a tropical storm or hurricane

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## Before and During

- ▶ If safe access is available, close or cover all vents and openings into the elevator hoistway and machine room to prevent water from entering.
- ▶ If an elevator opens to the outdoors, remove elevator from service and then place sandbags along all exposed hoistway doors.
- ▶ Run all elevators to the top floor to reduce component damage in the event of a water intrusion.
- ▶ Remove elevator from service. Confirm all elevator doors are closed.
- ▶ Do not operate an elevator during a tropical storm or hurricane to remove the potential for passenger entrapments.

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## After

- ▶ Water that comes into contact with elevator components can cause rusting and corrosion that can lead to erratic elevator operation, equipment shutdowns, passenger entrapments, and component failures.
- ▶ Have your elevator equipment reviewed by your maintenance provider after a tropical storm or hurricane for any water intrusion or potential component damage.

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