

## During a Cyclone Warning Class IV

- Gusts of 120 km/h or more are occurring.
- Stay inside.
- Seek shelter in the safest part of the house.
- Disconnect all electrical appliances. Listen to your battery radio for updates.
- Listen attentively to cyclone bulletins and advice on the Radio/TV.
- If the house starts to suffer important damages, protect yourself with mattress, rugs or blankets.
- Beware of the passage of the 'EYE'. Do not assume that cyclonic conditions are over. The calm period is always followed by violent winds from the opposite direction.

## After the Cyclone

- Don't go outside until officially advised it is safe.
- Don't use electric appliances if wet.
- Listen to local radio for official warnings and advice.
- Beware of damaged power lines, bridges, buildings, trees, and don't enter floodwaters.
- Pay attention to all warnings and don't go sight-seeing. Check/help neighbors instead.
- Ensure proper hygiene.
- Clean yard and drain out of stagnant water to prevent proliferation of mosquitoes/diseases.
- Don't tamper with any power line/electrical wires.
- Beware of debris, metal sheet, broken glasses.



Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service



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OF  
EMERGENCY**  
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for any assistance in case  
of fire and for rescue services**

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Cyclones are atmospheric systems characterized by the rapid inward circulation of air masses around a low pressure centre, usually accompanied by stormy and often destructive weather.

### Risk Period

- During summer season from November to April.

### Characteristics of a Cyclone

- Severe winds
- Heavy rainfall
- Lightning, thundering during cyclone

### Cyclone Warning System

#### Class I

Issued 36 to 48 hours before Mauritius or Rodrigues is likely to be affected by gusts reaching 120 km/h

#### Class II

Issued so as to allow, as far as practicable, 12 hours of daylight before the occurrence of gusts of 120 kilometers (km) per hour

#### Class III

Issued so as to allow, as far as practicable, 6 hours of daylight before the occurrence of gusts of 120 kilometers (km) per hour

#### Class IV

Issued when gusts of 120 km per hour have been recorded and are expected to continue to occur.

### Termination

Issued when there is no longer any appreciable danger of gusts exceeding 120 km per hour.

# Preparedness and Precautions in the Event of a Cyclone

### Before the Cyclone

- Ensure that your house is in good condition and can withstand cyclone gusts.
- Trim treetops and branches well clear of your home.
- Clear your property of loose material that could blow about and possibly cause injury or damage during extreme winds (e.g. TV antenna).
- Identify secure places for your boat.
- Know your nearest cyclone refugee centres.
- Fix shutters or metal screen to all glass areas.
- Check neighbors to make sure they are prepared.
- Ensure that all rechargeable batteries are charged accordingly.

### Prepare an Emergency Kit Consisting of

- Portable AM/FM radio and fresh batteries.
- Torch, lamps, candles, matches, etc.
- Water containers.
- Canned food, can opener, stove with sufficient gas.
- Rice, flour, biscuits, cheese, etc.
- First aid kit and essential medicines.
- Clothes secured in plastic bags.
- Tool kit for emergency repairs (hammer, nail, rope, etc..)

### During a Cyclone Warning Class I

- Make sure your emergency kit is ready.
- Tune to your local radio/TV for further information and warnings.
- Prepare to secure windows and doors with shutters or shields.
- Re-check your property for any loose material and tie down (or fill with water) all large, relatively light items such as boats and rubbish bins.
- Fill vehicles' fuel tanks. Check your emergency kit and fill water containers.

### During a Cyclone Warning Class II

- If requested by local authorities, collect children from school or childcare centre and go home.
- Close shutters or board-up or heavily tape all windows.
- Pack an evacuation kit of warm clothes, essential medications, baby formula, nappies, valuables, important papers, photos and mementos in water-proof bags to be taken with your emergency kit.
- Large/heavy valuables could be protected in a strong cupboard.
- Stay tuned to your local radio/TV for further information.
- Store sufficient amount of drinking water
- Shelter domestic animals.

### During a Cyclone Warning Class III

- Complete all preparatory measures.
- Fix shutters.
- Secure doors and windows.
- Avoid areas prone to flood.
- Avoid unnecessary driving.
- Those in insecure dwellings, move as early as possible, to the nearest cyclone refugee centre with your emergency kit.
- Avoid going outdoors/loitering.
- Monitor closely cyclone bulletins on Radio/TV.

