



Hurricane Recovery Checklist For Businesses

In the aftermath of a hurricane, you and your business will likely have to deal with water damage, persistent flooding and damaged utilities. And, even if you aren't directly impacted by a hurricane, any disruptions to your employees, third-party vendors or customers can still have a severe impact. While your priority should be to ensure the safety of your employees and other stakeholders, these recovery steps can keep your business safe after a hurricane passes.

RECOVERY STEPS	
Contact your insurance provider(s) to start the claims process.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assess damage: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make note of any structural damage to building(s).• Note any damage to equipment, machinery or company vehicles.• Note any lost or damaged inventory (both materials for business use and products for sale).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compile a list of concerns that must be addressed before you are able to reopen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact employees, suppliers and customers to inform them of any disruptions in operation and an anticipated date when they can expect it to resume.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have the building professionally inspected if you have concerns that any damage could pose a safety hazard to employees or customers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure the building while repairs are being made or if relocation of business activity is necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure utilities are restored and in safe working order before resuming business operations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repair and clean your facility to ensure the environment is free of any safety hazards before resuming business operations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS	
File a claim with your business interruption insurance provider.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compile the following information to share with your insurance adjuster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sales records and history• Profits and loss statements, or income tax forms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider any financial responsibilities you may have, such as payroll or scheduled payments to creditors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep detailed records of all expenses incurred during the recovery process.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have questions regarding hurricane season and how it pertains to your business or commercial insurance please feel free to reach out us insurance@wellsins.com or 910.762.8551