

Storm surge

ACTION CHECKLIST

If a storm-surge evacuation order covers you, leave for a safe location outside the surge zone before roads close. Wind strength alone does not describe surge danger. Never walk or drive through coastal floodwater.

[] Check the surge zone

Use your local emergency management evacuation map and official order.

[] Leave early

Choose an inland destination outside the evacuation area and use designated routes.

[] Avoid shoreline viewing

Stay away from beaches, seawalls and flooded coastal roads.

[] If trapped

Contact emergency services with your location and move to a safer higher level without entering a closed attic.

WATCH FOR

Storm surge may arrive before the worst wind. Do not wait for visible water.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

If you live in a surge zone, arrange an inland destination before the storm. Do not wait for public transport that has not been confirmed. Once roads are flooded, do not force a crossing; use the safest elevated location and signal if trapped.

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Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/storm-surge/>

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