

As part of a coastal community, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington faces the possibility of hurricanes and tropical storms each June-November. These are events that may lead to property damage, personal injury and death. In the recent past, UNCW has experienced several hurricanes that caused us to evacuate the campus. Hurricanes are a very real threat, and the university has developed a comprehensive plan to deal with these storms. Our primary concern and responsibility is the protection of life and limb - the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Students and their parents play a significant role in our hurricane planning. This brochure is designed to make you aware of what we at UNCW will do to assure the safety of your son or daughter, and to outline what you and they can do to help. It is being distributed to each student's parents or guardian. In the event of a hurricane, we have plans in place, developed over the past several years, to ensure the safety of UNCW students - if they will do their part.



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Hurricanes

*Hurricane Safety Information for Students and Parents
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington*

Our greatest concern is the safety of our students, faculty and staff. We feel we can maintain safety here on campus by following a carefully developed hurricane emergency plan.

The two most difficult things for any campus to cope with during a hurricane are:

- 1) caring for the safety of a large number of students during the actual storm, and
- 2) being able to provide a safe atmosphere for students after the hurricane, especially if there is major destruction and/or loss of utilities for several days.

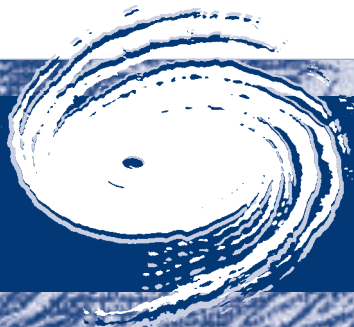
Therefore, it is the policy of UNCW to ask all students to evacuate the campus immediately upon closing of the beaches in New Hanover County. Students are encouraged to go either to their own home or to that of a friend for the duration of the storm. The evacuation notice generally will allow 8 - 10 hours of safe driving time before a hurricane comes ashore.

The university will provide alternative housing options for those students who have no place to go during the hurricane. If you need assistance in locating a place to stay, contact the Dean of Students Office at (910) 962-3119. All students not going to their permanent residence are asked to notify parents of their whereabouts.

Since most problems occur after a hurricane, students are asked to delay any return to campus until the university has announced its official re-opening via the news media. Remember, it could take several days to provide a safe atmosphere on campus after a major hurricane. **Regular updates on closing and reopening the campus are available by calling 1-888-657-5751, or at the severe weather update link on the main webpage at www.uncw.edu.**

In the event of a HURRICANE

1. University officials closely monitor tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes. Detailed tracking is begun early in the development of a storm.
2. When a voluntary evacuation is issued for New Hanover County Beaches, a voluntary evacuation may also be issued for UNCW students. Class assignments and attendance policies will be suspended at that time.
3. The University will cancel all classes and university events when the evacuation of beaches in New Hanover County has been ordered.
4. All university residence halls and apartments will be evacuated.
5. Students will be allowed to drive home when the hurricane is far from landfall and weather conditions permit. Students who are not traveling to their permanent residence are expected to notify their parents of their whereabouts.
6. Students who are unable to travel home will be provided with alternative safe housing options through the Dean of Students' Office.
7. University personnel such as police, maintenance workers, and their supervisors will continue to be on duty around the clock during these storms. Campus officials are in constant contact with local, county and state emergency managers.



*Hurricane Hotline
1-888-657-5751*

*UNCW Hurricane Info: www.uncw.edu/safety/hurricane1.htm
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