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Every day, local church congregations entrust individuals with cash, checks, and other assets. While the majority of these individuals are honest, under the right circumstances, even the most loyal individual might steal if given the right motive and opportunity to do so. So what can church congregations do? If most individuals will steal under the right circumstances, then how can theft be prevented? How can theft be detected?
This presentation focuses on how the local church congregation and related stakeholders can address those questions and will present options to help reduce the local church congregation’s risks due to fraud and to increase your ability to detect it.

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Ever get the feeling the weather has taken over the news? Some days you can't turn on the TV or radio without hearing about the latest impending weather disaster. Constant updates and dire predictions don't always pan out, and that can be frustrating.

But fight the urge to dismiss weather reports – many fatalities occur when people don't take warnings seriously or follow their emergency response plan. Time after time, preparedness and a cool head saves lives, not to mention homes and other structures. This is particularly true when it comes to hurricanes, because a tropical cyclone can be tracked for days before it makes landfall as a hurricane.

For the United States and the Caribbean, hurricane season occurs primarily June through October. For other regions, hurricane or typhoon season lasts year-round. Even if you live in an area that rarely sees hurricanes, you should begin preparations now. Don't let lethal combination of high winds, storm surge and flooding catch you unaware – take a moment to check your emergency supplies and review your evacuation plan.

**Before hurricane season begins**

It's important to list steps of your emergency plan and go over it routinely with your family, church members or school. Make sure everyone knows what role to play, and establish a single point of contact for updates, before, during and after the storm.

- Find your evacuation route. Set up a family meeting place and choose one friend or family member as your contact.
- If you don't have friends or family members inland, it's a good idea to book a hotel in advance.
- Learn the locations of official shelters. If you have pets, you should check requirements at the shelters. Many do not allow animals, so find a pet-friendly hotel instead.
- Review your various insurance policies to verify you're covered for flooding and other hurricane-related conditions.
- Your church or school's emergency plan should specify what conditions call for a cancellation of services or classes. Assign someone to do a safety check of buildings well in advance of any storm.
- Assess your hurricane emergency supplies, and check your stock of plywood or other materials for boarding up windows and doors. Service your portable generators and keep the fuel in UL-rated containers. Store fuel containers away from furnaces, electrical panels, and hot water heaters in well-ventilated areas.
- Keep an up-to-date inventory of technology, expensive equipment, musical instruments or anything of value. Make sure there are multiple copies in multiple formats (digital and hardcopies) and give them to trusted individuals. You can also take a video inventory of each room and area of your home or facility, to make the claims process easier after a storm.
- Inspect all roofs, looking for leaks and loose shingles. If a roof is more than 15 or 20 years old, you might want to replace it entirely with hurricane rated materials and fasteners.
- Verify that your roof trusses have been secured to walls with hurricane roofing straps. If they haven't, you can have your roof retrofitted using a qualified licensed roofing contractor.
- Check the flashing around chimneys, gutters, downspouts, and HVAC units.
- Inspect all exterior parts of the building for loose boards, aluminum or other types of metal siding. Look out for
rotted wood and check window and door latching and weatherproofing. If you have storm shutters, make sure they are working and in good repair.

- Trim branches of surrounding trees away from buildings and remove any dead limbs. It's a good idea to use the services of a professional.
- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts, and fasten drains securely to the building. If there is erosion around the downspout, you may need to direct the water farther away from the building's foundation.