



SEMPER SAFE

Destructive Weather/Hurricane Preparedness



What time is it? Its time to enjoy the beach, it's the time school is out and oh yeah, *hurricanes*. Its time to start watching weather forecasts a little bit closer. Most of us know that June 1st to November 30th every year is Atlantic Ocean hurricane season. Most of us probably don't know that North Carolina and three other southern states lead the nation in billion dollar weather-related disasters since 1980, primarily hurricanes. So it's time to break out your copy of Camp Lejeune's Destructive Weather Plan, BO P3440.6G, and be prepared. This manual provides information, guidance, and procedures for use during destructive weather, such as locations of the emergency shelters, conditions of readiness and responsibilities of military units including personnel and equipment.

First step in preparing for destructive weather is getting together an emergency home survival kit good for three days. Include essentials such as water, nonperishable food requiring little to no cooking, baby supplies, medications, portable radio, spare batteries, flashlights, sanitation supplies, extra cash and clothes. For more information please refer to the Ready North Carolina website <http://readync.org/>. Don't forget about your pets, they are not allowed in most emergency shelters. To obtain the current weather conditions aboard Camp Lejeune, dial 451-1717. The message will provide civilian employee reporting procedures, weather advisories, base school closures and fire conditions.

Here are the some of the **Destructive Weather Conditions (DWC)** you need to know for proper planning, refer to BO P3440.6G for more details on the conditions:

- **DWC V** – The potential for destructive weather is elevated but no specific system threatens the area. Automatically set from 1 June to 30 November, normal operations exist.
- **DWC IV, III, and II** (DWC IV, 72 hours; DWC III, 48 hrs; DWC II, 24 hrs) - A specific system is forecast to affect the area within 72, 48, and 24 hours respectively.
- **DWC I, 12 hours** - System is within 12 hours; secure training, release non-essential personnel, restrict liberty to base only and evacuate high risk areas. Secure or store all loose outside items to further prevent loss and property damage from flying debris, this goes for your residence too.
- **DWC IC, 6 hours** - System is within 6 hours; secure all liberty (restricted to residence/barracks) and close all base facilities except emergency mess halls.
- **DWC IE** – The storm is here; everything is closed.
- **DWC IR** – The system has passed but all orders, restrictions and guidance previously established remains in effect. Only emergency operations are taking place.

Commanders and Supervisors: You are responsible for the safety of your personnel. It is your duty to ensure your personnel understand how important it is to prepare for destructive weather. To assist you in your duties, a "Leaders Guide" is provided to you on the following page. For more information contact your Unit Safety Officer or Base Safety Representative.

As Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, Sailors, or family members, and remember SEMPER SAFE!