

## Hurricane Season Is Upon Us!

As many of you know, the official Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. Hurricanes can and do occur outside of these months, but these dates cover 97% of tropical activity. Forecasters (The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) say that this season will be near to above normal in number and intensity of storms. They estimate between one and four major hurricanes packing winds of 111 miles per hour. About half of the 10-16 named storms will be of hurricane strength with winds of at least 74 miles per hour.

The Red Cross has a Hurricane Safety Checklist available in multiple languages for download at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

A FREE Emergency App is also available from the Apple Store or Google Play.

For kids 7-11, there is a Monster Guard App which teaches preparedness for real-life emergencies with the help of "monsters" also available from the Apple Store or Google Play.