

USING FRS WALKIE TALKIES IN A HURRICANE ZONE

Before the storm arrives, go to Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Best Buy, Costco, Office Depot, Staples, Target or another store and buy some FRS (Family Radio Service) walkie talkies.

Keep at least three sets of extra Alkaline batteries on hand for each radio. Rechargeable batteries cannot be charged if your electricity goes out.

Tune your radio to Channel 1. Turn OFF all privacy codes (the second number should read 0 or 00).

Practice using the walkie talkies with your family and neighbors before the storm arrives. Plan what you are going to say and do in different situations.

If you find yourself trapped after a hurricane without a landline phone or cell phone that works, your FRS walkie talkie may be heard by rescuers in the area.

Keep extra FRS walkie talkies and extra Alkaline batteries in your home, boat and car.



In a REAL emergency, follow these 3 steps:

- 1) Turn on your FRS walkie talkie to Channel 1. Broadcast every hour on the hour with privacy codes turned OFF. Say your name, your exact location, and the nature of your emergency.
- 2) Keep calling for 2 minutes. Say, for example: "Emergency! This is John Smith. I am 12 miles South of Interstate 10 on Route 7. My car won't start. Please send help."
- 3) Listen 3 minutes for an answer. If you don't hear one, save your batteries by turning off your walkie talkie. Wait until the top of the next hour to call again.

It's as easy as 1... 2... 3...

Call for help on Channel 1 every hour. Talk for 2 minutes. Listen for 3 minutes.

For more details on the Family Radio Service (FRS), visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services>