

Hurricanes: Safe or Unsafe Answer Key

1. **S** - Boarding windows and monitoring updates is a safe action.
2. **U** - Ignoring evacuation orders in a flood zone is dangerous.
3. **S** - Moving to an interior, windowless room on the lowest level is recommended safety.
4. **U** - The eye is calm but dangerous, since the eyewall returns quickly with violent winds.
5. **S** - Evacuating to a shelter with supplies is safe and responsible.
6. **U** - Driving through floodwaters is life-threatening; water depth is often misleading.
7. **S** - Preparing clean water and a kit ensures survival and readiness.
8. **U** - Using candles can cause fires; flashlights or battery lanterns are safer.

Challenge Question (Sample Answer):

Many injuries and deaths occur after the storm because people encounter flooded roads, downed power lines, and unstable buildings. People may also use unsafe methods for cooking, lighting, or power, leading to accidents. The storm surge and standing water can carry dangerous debris and disease. Recovery is often as risky as the storm itself.