

Prevention Capsule



Protecting Your Belongings from Strong Winds

The current climate changes pose a significant challenge due to the consequences of global warming, including the increase in extreme weather events, such as strong winds and tornadoes.

Facing the devastating power of these winds can be difficult. However, by acquiring the necessary knowledge and preparing adequately, it is possible to reduce the risks and maintain your peace of mind.

Here are essential measures to secure your belongings.

Your vehicle



- **Secure Parking:** Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a closed garage. If it's not an option, choose a place sheltered from trees and poles that might collapse during strong winds.

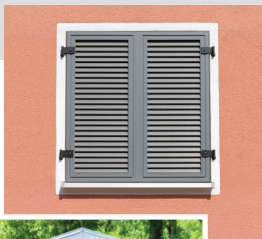
- **Secure loose items:** Before a storm hits, remove unsecured objects that could damage your vehicle or nearby items, such as antennas.
- **Protective Cover:** If you know a storm is approaching, consider covering your vehicle with a weather-resistant cover to shield it from debris.

Your home

- **Regular Inspection:** Schedule regular inspections of your home to identify vulnerable areas, such as damaged roofs, clogged gutters, or poorly sealed windows.
- **Roof Reinforcement:** If you reside in an area prone to strong winds and inclement weather, ensure your roof is securely fixed. If needed, think about strengthening roof fastenings and attachments to enhance its resistance to gusts.
- **Tree Trimming:** Prune trees near your home to reduce the risk of broken branches that could damage your roof or windows.



- **Shutter Closure:** If you have shutters, close them before a storm. This can safeguard your windows from debris and decrease the risk of breakage.
- **Anchor Outdoor items:** Ensure that garden furniture, trash bins, and other outdoor objects are properly anchored or brought inside. Strong winds can propel objects, causing damage to your home or your neighbors.



General Preparation

- **Follow Weather Alerts:** Stay tuned to weather forecasts and local alerts.
- **Insurance Coverage:** Don't forget to have adequate insurance to cover potential damages. Consult your broker to understand the specifics of your coverage.



By taking these simple measures, you can significantly reduce the risks of damage to your vehicle and home during strong winds. The safety of your possessions and your family is our priority, and we hope these tips will assist you in preparing for challenging weather conditions.

Finding a licensed contractor who has the right skill set to manage the repairs or inspection on your home is recommended.

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