



Situational Awareness Bulletin

From the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness



HIGH WIND SAFETY

During severe weather events like hurricanes and tornadoes, winds can reach speeds greater than 100 miles per hour and can cause widespread significant damage. When winds are sustained at 40-50 mph, isolated wind damage is possible. Winds at 25 miles per hour can also damage homes and property.

Severe winds can cause serious injuries, death, damaged property (vehicles or homes), transportation disruptions, power outages, etc.



Prepare your family and home for the possibility of severe winds:

- ✓ Stay tuned to your local news stations and weather services, sign up for NotifyATL.
- ✓ Make sure property is secure.
- ✓ Remove any dead trees or hanging branches.
- ✓ Secure objects in the yard.
- ✓ Check for loose roof materials.
- ✓ Secure anything that can be blown away and cause serious damage.

Images: www.yellowribbontree.com, www.gannett-cdn.com

Staying safe before and during high winds:

- ✓ Get to secure area/shelter.
- ✓ Avoid high areas off the ground.
- ✓ Use handrails to stay stable.
- ✓ Stay out of railroads or streets.
- ✓ Postpone outdoor activities.
- ✓ Watch for flying items (debris, branches, power lines, street signs etc.)
- ✓ If driving, slow down and put two hands on the steering wheel.

Please contact the Office of Emergency Preparedness at COAEmergencyPrep@atlantaga.gov if you have additional questions.