

Health & Family Life Managing the Environment

Any natural event that causes widespread injury, death and property damage is known as a natural disaster e.g. hurricane, storm, tornado, flood, earthquake, and Tsunami.

Every year hurricanes, storms, tornadoes and floods occur in The Bahamas. Knowing what to do during these natural disasters could mean the difference between life and death. A hurricane is a storm that forms over tropical areas of oceans and can move inland. In a hurricane, rain is heavy, and winds blow greater than 75 miles per hour.

A tropical storm also forms over tropical areas of oceans. Wind speeds vary between 40 and 75 miles per hour. A tornado is a violently rotating funnel-shaped column of air associated with a thunder storm. Signs such as dark greenish sky, large hail and a loud roar occur. Tornadoes can form quickly without warning. Hurricanes and thunder storms can cause major flooding especially in low-lying areas.

Questions. 8pts

1. What is a natural disaster? (2pts)

2. Name TWO types of natural disasters. (2pts)

3. Where do tropical storms form? (1pt)

4. Define what is a hurricane? (2pts)

5. What happens within a hurricane? (1pt)

6. What type of storms cause major flooding? (2pts)
