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Do's & Don'ts

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Before cyclone

- Ignore rumours, Stay calm, Don't panic.
- Keep your mobile phones charged for emergency communication; use SMS.
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates.
- Keep your documents and valuables in water-proof containers.
- Try staying in an empty room; keep movable items securely tied.
- Prepare an emergency kit with essential items for safety and survival.
- Secure your house, especially the roof; carry out repairs; don't leave sharp objects loose.
- Keep cattle/animals untied to ensure their safety.
- In case of a storm surge/tide warning, or flooding, know your nearest safe high ground/ safe shelter and the safest access route to it.
- Store adequate ready-to-eat food and water to last at least a week.
- Conduct mock drills for your family and community.
- Trim treetops and branches near your house with permission from the local authority.
- Close doors and windows securely.
- Evacuate immediately to safe places when directed by government officials.

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During cyclone

a) If Indoor

- Switch off electrical mains, unplug all electrical appliances and gas connection.
- Keep doors and windows shut.
- If your house is unsafe, leave early before the onset of a cyclone. Reach a safe shelter.
- Listen to radio; rely only on official warnings.
- Drink boiled/chlorinated water.
- If the building starts to crumble, protect yourself with mattresses, rugs or blankets, or by getting under a strong table or bench or by holding hold onto a solid fixture, such as a water pipe.

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b) If Outdoor

- Do not enter damaged buildings.
- Seek a safe shelter as soon as possible.
- Never stand under a tree/ electric pole.
- Beware the calm 'eye'. If the wind drops, don't assume the cyclone is over; violent winds may soon resume from another direction. Wait for the official 'all clear'

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After Cyclone

- Drink boiled/chlorinated water.
- Do not go out until officially advised. If evacuated, wait until advised to go back.
- Watch out for broken electric poles and loose wires, and other sharp objects.
- Do not enter damaged buildings.
- Do not use damaged electrical equipment. Get them checked by an electrician first.

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Fishermen should

- Ignore rumours, Stay calm, Don't panic.
- Keep mobile phones charged for emergency communication; use SMS.
- Write down important numbers on a paper and keep it safely.
- Keep a radio set with extra batteries handy.
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates.
- Keep boats/rafts tied up in a safe place.
- Don't venture out in the sea.