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As Hurricane Irene Threatens East Coast, NAPIA Member Stand Ready to Help

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As I write this blog, I am preparing to leave Baltimore and take my daughter to college for her freshman year at Tulane. As I watch the news and see the forecast calling for Hurricane Irene to potentially pummel the East Coast of the USA, I cannot help but think of how ironic it is that the general counsel to NAPIA is heading to New Orleans to ESCAPE a hurricane---that must be a first.

Seriously though, as I have blogged before, when this hurricane hits, there may be many consumers and commercial insureds in need of public adjuster assistance. We are there to help---but be careful. We do not know where it will land---some states, e.g. Florida---have special rules in place for declared catastrophes. Others do not---but often issue executive orders on an emergency basis after a natural disaster, as we saw in Missouri after the Joplin tornado this year. Make sure you check on this before doing any work in a state that has been impacted by a hurricane.

Also, remember that NAPIA members represent the best of the profession. It does not hurt to take the time to introduce yourself to state regulators and other officials at these locations.

It has been a strange week. I live in Baltimore and we had an earthquake---which never happens. I do not think that the world is ending, but this has certainly been an unsettled year in the annals of weather related events. Be careful, and call with any questions.