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STAY SAFE IN A STORM BEFORE

- *Secure loose objects such as ladders, garden furniture or anything else that could be blown into windows and other glazing and break them*
- *Close and securely fasten doors and windows, particularly those on the windward side of the house, and especially large doors such as those on garages*
- *Park vehicles in a garage, if available; otherwise keep them clear of buildings, trees, walls and fences*
- *Close and secure loft trapdoors with bolts, particularly if roof pitch is less than 30°*
- *If the house is fitted with storm shutters over the windows then ensure that these are closed and fastened*
- *If chimney stacks are tall and in poor condition, move beds away from areas directly below them*

DURING

- *Stay indoors as much as possible*
- *If you do go out, try not to walk or shelter close to buildings and trees*
- *Keep away from the sheltered side of boundary walls and fences - if these structures fail, they will collapse on this side*
- *Do not go outside to repair damage while the storm is in progress*
- *If possible, enter and leave your house through doors in the sheltered side, closing them behind you*
- *Open internal doors only as needed, and close them behind you*
- *Take care when driving on exposed routes such as bridges, or high open roads, delay your journey or find alternative routes if possible*
- *Slow down and be aware of side winds, particular care should be taken if you are towing or are a high sided vehicle*
- *Do not drive unless your journey is really necessary*

AFTER

- *Be careful not to touch any electrical/telephone cables that have been blown down or are still hanging*
- *Do not walk too close to walls, buildings and trees as they could have been weakened*
- *Make sure that any vulnerable neighbours or relatives are safe and help them make arrangements for any repairs*

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