



PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
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SUBJECT: WEATHER WARNING

Pakistan Metrological Department vide outlook has informed that Dust Storm / Thunderstorm-Rain is expected today in Dadu, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Qambar Shahdadt & Ghotki Districts.

PRECAUTIONS MEASURES FOR DUST STORM:

For DDMA's:

- Take steps to prevent infrastructural damage, if trees, electricity wires, or billboards are blown down by strong / winds.
- Advise owners of under-construction structures / weak structured buildings to take precautions to ensure that no debris or buildings fall on people during the predicted wind storm.
- Establish emergency response camps in the vulnerable areas.

For General Public:

- Avoid outdoor activity. If necessary to go outside, spend as little time outside as possible.
- Avoid parking their vehicles near to weak structures.
- Cover nose and mouth with surgical face mask (3 ply) or damp cloth to reduce exposure to dust particles, readily available from medical/general stores.
- Avoid vigorous exercise, especially if have bronchial asthma (*dama*), diabetes or a breathing-related condition.
- Stay indoors, with windows and doors closed.
- Stay in air-conditioned premises, if possible.
- If someone is an asthmatic or have a respiratory condition and develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, or chest pain, must follow his/her prescribed treatment plan. If symptoms do not settle, seek medical advice.

PRECAUTIONS MEASURES FOR THUNDERSTORM-RAIN:

For DDMA's:

- Ensure cleaning major storm-water drains (*Nullah*) including removing sludge / encroachments from all storm-water drains in the city.
- Ensure placement of dewatering machines generators across the vulnerable points in the town/city.

For General Public

(Safety tips if indoors):

- Avoid contact with water during a thunderstorm. Do NOT bathe, shower, wash dishes, or have any other contact with water during a thunderstorm. Lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid using electronic equipment of all types. Lightning can travel through electrical systems and radio and television reception systems.



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- Avoid using corded phones. Corded phones are NOT safe to use during a thunderstorm. However, cordless or cellular phones are safe to use during a storm.
- Avoid concrete floors and walls. Do NOT lie on concrete floors during a thunderstorm. Also, avoid leaning on concrete walls. Lightning can travel through any metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring.
- Stay away from windows, skylights, and doors.
- Turn off circuit breakers to avoid power surges that may occur from a lightning strike.

Safety tips if outdoors

- Take shelter when see dark clouds or lightning or hear thunder.
- Avoid elevated areas such as hills or peaks and never shelter under an isolated tree.
- Get off bicycles, motorcycles, scooters or other small vehicles.
- If someone is in the water, head for shore immediately and avoid metal objects. Water and metal can both carry an electrical current.
- If in a group of people, spread out.

(Signature) 05/05/2020
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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department, Karachi.
2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Irrigation Department, Karachi.
3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Livestock and Fisheries Department, Karachi.
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information & Archives Department, Karachi.
6. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi (with a request for further dissemination of advisory to the concerned DMCs & Councils).
7. The Commissioner(s) (All in Sindh).
8. The Deputy Commissioner (s) / Chairman DDMA (All in Sindh).
9. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
10. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
11. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
12. The Head Quarter ComKar, Karachi.
13. The Head Quarter ComCoast, Karachi.
14. The Head Quarters Engineers, 5 Corps, Karachi.
15. The Chairman, Fisherfolk Forum Karachi.
16. The Staff Officer to Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
17. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister, for Rehabilitation & Relief Govt. of Sindh Karachi.
18. The PS to Secretary Rehabilitation Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
19. The PS to Director General PDMA Sindh, Karachi.