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**Recommendations for Nova Scotians as we enter Hurricane Season**

**Halifax, NS - August 30, 2017** – With the recent happening in the US related to extreme weather the Insurance Brokers Association of Nova Scotia (IBANS) would like to remind homeowners to be prepared as Atlantic Canada enters Hurricane season.

“The first step is to be cognizant of the weather and how fast it can change,” says Karen Slaunwhite, Executive Director, IBANS. “The second is to be prepared for every eventuality. We recommend that people have emergency kits ready that include flashlights, candles, matches, non-perishable food, can opener, water, batteries, first aid supplies, a radio, and cash. We also suggest that important documents be kept is safe places and that families have a plan for where to meet in an emergency, escape routes and to know where their water valves, fire extinguishers etc.. are located.”

The Insurance Brokers Association would like homeowners to also use a checklist to catalogue belongings, keep insurance details such as policy numbers and contacts, receipts and warranties for possessions. A suggested list can be obtained at the link provided however you can also speak with your broker to obtain inventory forms. <http://www.ibans.com/cgi/page.cgi/_blog.html?aid=237&zine=show>

In the event of a claim situation your insurance broker will assist you in determining what your coverage is and connect you with a claims representative. For more information on how to make an emergency kit and other important emergency tips visit [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)

And when disaster strikes remember Your Best Insurance is an Insurance Broker. For further information please contact:

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