

Dear Friends,

As Floridians, we know how important it is to prepare for potential damage caused by tropical storms and hurricanes. With Hermine quickly approaching, I'd like to remind Florida's consumers and businesses to create a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan. Please take the time now and frequently in the future to assess your family or business needs in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster.

The following state resources can assist you in the event of a natural disaster:

- Use [www.FLGetaPlan.com](http://www.FLGetaPlan.com) to create a specialized disaster plan to suit your family or business needs.
- Businesses can register at [www.flvbeoc.org](http://www.flvbeoc.org) to access information and updates and report Hermine damage.
- Visit [www.floridadisaster.org/publicmapping](http://www.floridadisaster.org/publicmapping) to find your evacuation zone.
- Access the Florida Division of Emergency Management's webpage at [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org) for tips, storm updates and additional resources.
- Visit [www.FLGov.com](http://www.FLGov.com) for state updates from Governor Rick Scott.

The following DBPR resources can assist you in the event of a natural disaster:

- The [2016 Natural Disaster Guide](#) provides steps to protect consumers from becoming victims of unlicensed activity after a natural disaster.
- The [Unlicensed Activity Resources](#) page has useful information such as unlicensed activity FAQs, tips for hiring licensed professionals, printable informational materials...and more!
- Consumers can verify professional licenses with DBPR online at [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com), by calling (850) 487-1395 or by downloading the free DBPR Mobile app through [iTunes](#) or the [Google Play](#) app store.
- Floridians should report any suspected unlicensed activity to DBPR by emailing [ULA@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:ULA@myfloridalicense.com), calling the Unlicensed Activity Hotline at 1-866-532-1440 or using the [DBPR Mobile app](#).

Let's be prepared now so we can stay safe today and every day and continue to thrive in this great state.

Sincerely,

Ken Lawson  
Secretary

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Link to *The Bottom Line*: [http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/os/Bottom-Line/BottomLine09\\_01\\_16.html](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/os/Bottom-Line/BottomLine09_01_16.html)