

# 12 TIPS FOR Strengthening Commercial Properties Against Severe Weather

*Implementing these 12 tips can significantly enhance the resilience of your commercial property against severe weather, minimizing potential damage and ensuring business continuity.*

- 1 Conduct a Risk Assessment:**  
Identify potential vulnerabilities and hazards specific to your location and building structure.
- 2 Upgrade Roofing Systems:**  
Install impact-resistant roofing materials and ensure the roof is securely fastened to withstand high winds and debris.
- 3 Install Storm Shutters:**  
Use storm shutters or impact-resistant windows to protect glass surfaces from wind and debris.
- 4 Reinforce Doors and Windows:**  
Strengthen doors and windows with heavy-duty materials and ensure proper seals to prevent wind and water infiltration.
- 5 Elevate Electrical Systems:**  
Raise electrical components, HVAC systems, and generators above potential flood levels to prevent water damage.
- 6 Secure Outdoor Equipment:**  
Anchor outdoor equipment, signage, and storage units to prevent them from becoming airborne during storms.
- 7 Maintain Proper Drainage:**  
Ensure gutters, downspouts, and drainage systems are clear and functioning to prevent water buildup and flooding.
- 8 Install Flood Barriers:**  
Use flood barriers or sandbags around vulnerable entry points to protect against water intrusion.
- 9 Trim Trees and Landscaping:**  
Regularly trim trees and remove loose branches to reduce the risk of damage from falling debris.
- 10 Backup Power Supply:**  
Invest in generators or backup power systems to maintain operations during power outages.
- 11 Develop an Emergency Plan:**  
Create and practice an emergency response plan that includes evacuation routes, communication protocols, and safety procedures.
- 12 Regular Maintenance and Inspections:**  
Conduct regular maintenance and inspections to identify and address potential issues before severe weather strikes.

