

Urgent – Weather Message

High Wind Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

12:15 PM Thursday 01 July 2021

...High wind advisory goes into effect Friday...

Locations to be affected: Antigua and Barbuda, especially coastal waters, elevated terrains, exposed coastal areas and open terrains, on the windward side of the islands.

Timing: Friday 8 am to Saturday 2 am.

Synopsis: Strong gusty winds, owing to expected further steepening of the pressure gradient, due to the passage of Tropical Storm Elsa, are expected. The direct wind threat level is minimal to life, livelihood, property and infrastructure. Notwithstanding, these winds could make some outdoor activities uncomfortable, if not outright dangerous. High winds could create dangerous fallen or blowing objects. A high wind advisory means strong winds in the range of 40 to 48 km/h (25 to 31 mph, 22 to 27 knots) with higher gusts imminent or occurring.

Wind: East at 33 to 52 km/h (18 to 28 knots; 21 to 32 mph), with strong gusts to storm-force – 69 km/h (37 knots; 43 mph).

Potential impacts: Includes injuries; very hazardous seas; soil erosion; localized disruptions of some businesses; disruptions to outdoor and sporting activities; disruptions of transportation (air and especially sea); vehicular accidents and financial losses.

Caution: Residents should secure loose, light outdoor items, which can be blown away, and caution should be taken when driving.

Please continue to monitor. Stay tuned to updates coming out of the Met Office via antiguamet.com and facebook.com/abmetservice

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