

Urgent – Weather Message

High Wind Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

2:00 PM Thursday, 31 December 2020

...High wind advisory in effect until 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: Until late tomorrow, Friday.

Synopsis: Strong gusty winds, owing to expected significant steepening of the pressure gradient, 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 can 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 are imminent or occurring.

Wind: 27 to 44 km/h (15 to 23 knots; 17 to 27 mph), with strong gusts to around 68 km/h (36 knots; 42 mph).

Potential impacts: Includes injuries; very hazardous seas; soil erosion; localized disruptions of businesses; disruption to outdoor and sporting activities; disruption 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/abmetsservice

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