

Urgent – Weather Message

High Wind Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

12:30 PM Saturday, 18 January 2020

A high wind advisory goes into effect after midnight tonight for Antigua and Barbuda.

Strong gusty winds, associated with a steep pressure gradient, are expected to move across that area.

Wind: 27 to 42 km/h (17 to 26 mph, 15 to 23 knots) with gusts to near gale-force – 60 km/h (37 mph, 35 knots).

Location: Coastal waters, elevated terrains, exposed coastal areas and open terrains, particularly on the windward side of the islands.

Timing: Sunday.

Impacts (possible/likely/expected): 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.

Precautionary/preparedness actions: 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 but are not strong enough to warrant a high wind warning. Wind of this strength could make some outdoor activities uncomfortable, if not outright dangerous. High winds can create dangerous fallen or blowing objects. Residents should secure loose, light outdoor items, which can be blown away, and caution should be taken when driving.

Stay tuned for updates.

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