**Hurricane Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. When will an evacuation order be issued?

An evacuation order is usually issued approximately 48 to 72 hours in advance of the estimated time that a hurricane is forecast to impact the area.

2. If an evacuation order is issued, to where will everyone evacuate?

TRACEN operations, including key personnel and recruits, will be evacuated to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL).

All other personnel will be evacuated to the Safe Haven area. The Safe Haven area will be clearly designated by D5 in the evacuation order. A Safe Haven is the place designated to which all personnel are authorized to utilize in the event of an evacuation. In the past, the Safe Haven has included Burlington and Camden counties. A list of hotels within those counties that accept government rates (including pet friendly hotels) will be disseminated once an evacuation order is issued. It is the responsibility of the member to contact the hotel and make reservations.

3. What are my entitlements when we are evacuated?

The Evacuation Guide for Military Personnel issued by CG-133/PSC is a good source of information regarding entitlements.



For those evacuating to the Safe Haven, you will receive 100% of locality per diem for authorized members 12 years of age or older and 50% for those under 12 years of age for the first 30 days. On the first day and last day of travel, you are entitled to only 75% of authorized per diem. The table below explains allowances:

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| **Table 6-17.  Safe Haven Allowances** | | |
| **Duration at Safe Haven** | **12 Years of Age\* and Older** | **Less Than 12 Years of Age** |
| **First 30 Days** | A maximum of 100 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area. | A maximum of 50 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area. |
| **31-180 Days** | Up to 60 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area. | Up to 30 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area. |

For those members evacuated to JBMDL, you will be authorized the lower government messing and lodging rate.

For civilians, the civilian emergency situations guide released by CG-121 is a good source of information.



Individuals should be prepared to bear the initial expenses associated with an evacuation as it will take time to submit and process travel claims for reimbursement. The use of government travel cards is authorized.

4. If families choose to evacuate to an area outside of the “safe haven”, will they receive reimbursement?

In the event that you choose to evacuate to a location other than the Safe Haven, you run the risk of not being reimbursed. Reimbursement is only guaranteed when you evacuate to the Safe Haven. During previous evacuations, personnel who chose to evacuate outside of the safe haven were reimbursed at the “Standard CONUS” rate, but there is no guarantee of reimbursement outside of the Safe Haven.

5. What are my entitlements if I decide to evacuate prior to an official evacuation order being issued?

If you choose to evacuate prior to an evacuation order being issued, you will not be reimbursed for those costs incurred prior to an official evacuation order being issued.

6. Will I be reimbursed for the cost of having my pets in a hotel or for boarding my pets during an evacuation?

No, you will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with pets.

7. What should a family do if they do not have a credit card, automobile, or have some other special circumstance?

Since an official evacuation order will be issued, the member is authorized to use their official government travel card to make arrangements for themselves and their family. If a member does not have a government travel card or a personal credit card, they should contact their chain of command so other arrangements can be made. If a family has other special considerations, such as the lack of an automobile, then they should contact their chain of command so other arrangements can be made.