# Typhoon Guide Kunsan AB

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### **OVERVIEW**

#### Typhoons "Know the Terms"

A typhoon, like a hurricane, is formed through a process called Tropical Cyclogenesis. Tropical cyclones feed off of heat which is released when humid air rises off of the ocean's surface into the atmosphere. Typhoons are unique in the aspect that they have a "warm core" whereas other storms have a "cold core" as they feed off cold air. There are various threats associated with typhoons. Typhoon winds can soar to extreme levels which can send debris flying through the air. Storm surges may also become prevalent, raising water levels and further intensifying waves cause by high winds.

#### **Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR) Conditions**

- TCCOR 5 Winds of 50 knots sustained or greater are possible within 96 hours
- TCCOR 4 Winds of 50 knots sustained or greater are possible within 72 hours
- TCCOR 3 Winds of 50 knots sustained or greater are possible within 48 hours.
- TCCOR 2 Winds of 50 knots sustained or greater are anticipated within 24hours.
- TCCOR 1 Winds of 50 knots sustained or greater are anticipated within 12hours.
- TCCOR 1C Caution: Winds of 35-49 knots sustained are OCCURRING
- TCCOR 1E Emergency: Winds of 50 knots sustained and/or gusts of 60 knots or greater are OCCURRING
- TCCOR 1R Recovery: Destructive winds have subsided and are no longer forecast to occur, work crews are permitted to survey damage, non-essential personnel should stay indoors
- TCCOR ALL CLEAR Destructive winds have passed and are no longer forecaster to occur; recovery is complete.

#### For information on local TCCOR conditions:

Kunsan's Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/KunsanOfficial/

Joint Typhoon Warning Center: http://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

8 OSS Weather SharePoint: https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8OG/8OSS/Weather/SitePages/Home.aspx

Call Wolf Pack Straight Talk Line at DSN 782-2653, Korean Cell Phone: 063-470-2653

Emergency Management: DSN 782-4849

Monitor the Commander's Channel – Channel 12

Listen to AFN Kunsan at 88.5 FM

## TYPHOON ACTIONS

#### **TYPHOON: BEFORE ACTIONS**

- Bring loose outdoor objects indoors (e.g. grills, chairs, butt cans, bikes, flags).
- Ensure all windows and doors can be closed and secured. If not, contact your facility manager ASAP.
- If you have a window A/C unit, take it out and close the window.
- If your building needs additional sand bags, please contact your facility manager or pick up sand bags from the sand bag filling location.
- If your unit has a GOV, please make sure the fuel tank is full.
- Ensure you have ample drinkable water with you (at least one gallon per person per day).
- Charge your electronics, especially your phone, and turn off to preserve battery. Use only when absolutely necessary. Consider getting a portable power supply.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.

#### **Dorm Resident Actions**

In preparation for a typhoon, dorm residents should know the location of the sandbag fill point (see Fig 1), have Emergency Preparedness Kits stocked and know the base notification/update channels.

#### **Recommended Emergency Kit Items**

- Water (one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days)
- Non-perishable foods (at least three days' worth)
- Battery powered radio with extra batteries
- Cell phone with charger
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Hygiene products
- Can opener (for canned goods)
- Towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

#### **Update Installation Warning System (AtHoc)**

To ensure you receive notifications from AtHoc, follow the steps below:

Right click on the purple globe located in your bottom right task bar of your work computer.

- Choose "Access Self Service".
- Go to "My Profile" tab and click "Edit" in the top right hand corner.
- Under "Basic Info," enter your user information. At a minimum, you should have your work phone, mobile phone and text messaging (Member) populated; the last two fields will be where you add your government cell phone number (if applicable). It is highly recommend you add your dependents' numbers and a personal email address as well.

NOTE: Ensure you follow the format for the mobile phone numbers provided below the box. For example, 011+8210+last eight digits of number; 09012345678 becomes 0118821012345678.

- Click "Accept as is."
- Click save and close.

#### **Facility Manager Actions**

Facility Managers are responsible for the preparedness of all facilities under their control. In preparation for a typhoon:

- Facility managers will fill up sandbags at the location shown below
  - Sandbags and shovels are available at the "U-Fix-It" Store bldg. 783
- Pick up loose items within 150' of facilities (safety cones, unsecured signs, wooden crates, tires, picnic tables, smoke pits, BBQs, bicycles, mopeds, volleyball nets, etc.)
- Place all trash into dumpsters and ensure lids are closed
- Fuel all GOVs (easy to accomplish on night shift)
- Compact and park all GOVs near facilities
- Call in work orders immediately if any doors or windows cannot be secured
- Contact CE Customer Service for additional information 782-5313

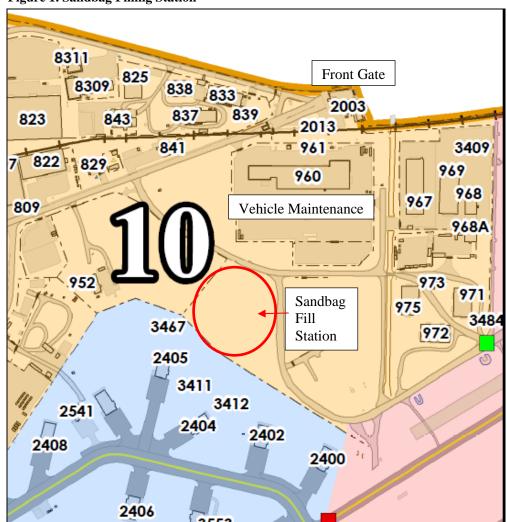


Figure 1. Sandbag Filling Station

#### TYPHOON: DURING ACTIONS

- Stay inside and away from windows, skylights and glass doors. Relocate to an interior room.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed.
- Do not go outside.
- Stay tuned to base communication (i.e. Giant Voice, Commander's Channel)

#### **TYPHOON: RESPONSE**

#### **Use Caution After the Storm**

Be aware that there may be glass, debris, power lines, fires, and potentially harmful items displaced from the typhoon. Do not leave your area until notified by authorities that it is safe to do so. Unauthorized personnel moving around endangers both themselves and the recovery crews; unless your area becomes unsafe, stay put until told to leave. When authorized to move, use extreme caution. Check the area around your quarters, and help your neighbors as well. Base recovery crews will check these areas, but it is always a good idea to double check just in case something was overlooked.

#### **Report All Building Damage and Utility Outages**

Damage and outages will be reported to the CES UCC and CES Customer Service as soon as possible. CE Customer Service DSN is 782-5313.

#### Filing a Claim for Damage

If you have private insurance, you must first file with your insurance company. If you suffered loss or damage to your personal property due to a typhoon, you can file a claim if:

- You are an active duty member, a reservist on active duty, or a civilian Employee of the Department of Defense and you are not considered a local inhabitant of the area.
- The property was located in your assigned or authorized quarters or, located on base when it was damaged.
- Contact the 8th Fighter Wing Legal Office at 782-4283.

## **Kunsan Air Base Emergency Numbers**

Off-Base Emergency Number Dial 1-1-9 On-Base Emergency (DSN) Dial 9-1-1 Calling from a Cell: 063-470-0911

Unit	DSN
Security Forces BDOC	782-4944
Fire Dispatch	782-4471
Command Post	782-6000
Emergency Management	782-4849
CE Customer Service	782-5313
CE Housing Management	782-7108
SARC	782-7272
Legal Office	782-4283
Chapel	782-4673
Kunsan Straight Talk Line	782-2653

In the event on-base medical facilities, non-medical emergencies will utilize off-base resources.

For medical emergencies (loss of life, limb, or eyesight), please call the emergency line at:

DSN: 911

Cell phone: 063-470-0911

Report all non-emergency fire issues (e.g. alarm panel beeping) to Fire Dispatch:

DSN: 782-4471

Cell phone: 010-6496-2042

If unable to reach emergency services via 911, five alternate numbers are available to reach dispatch:

010-6496-2042 010-9191-6983 010-9191-2870

010-6496-2045

010-9191-5769

#### **Online Resources**

Kunsan Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/KunsanOfficial/

Listen to AFN - https://afn360.afnpacific.net/AudioPlayer.html

Joint Typhoon Warning Center - http://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html

Hurricanes/Typhoon - <a href="https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes">https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes</a>

Tornadoes - https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes

Flooding - https://www.ready.gov/floods

Air Force Claims - <a href="https://claims.jag.af.mil/no\_insur.php">https://claims.jag.af.mil/no\_insur.php</a>

Air Force Be Ready - https://www.beready.af.mil/

Kunsan Weather SharePoint - <a href="https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/80G/80SS/Weather/SitePages/Home.aspx">https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/80G/80SS/Weather/SitePages/Home.aspx</a>