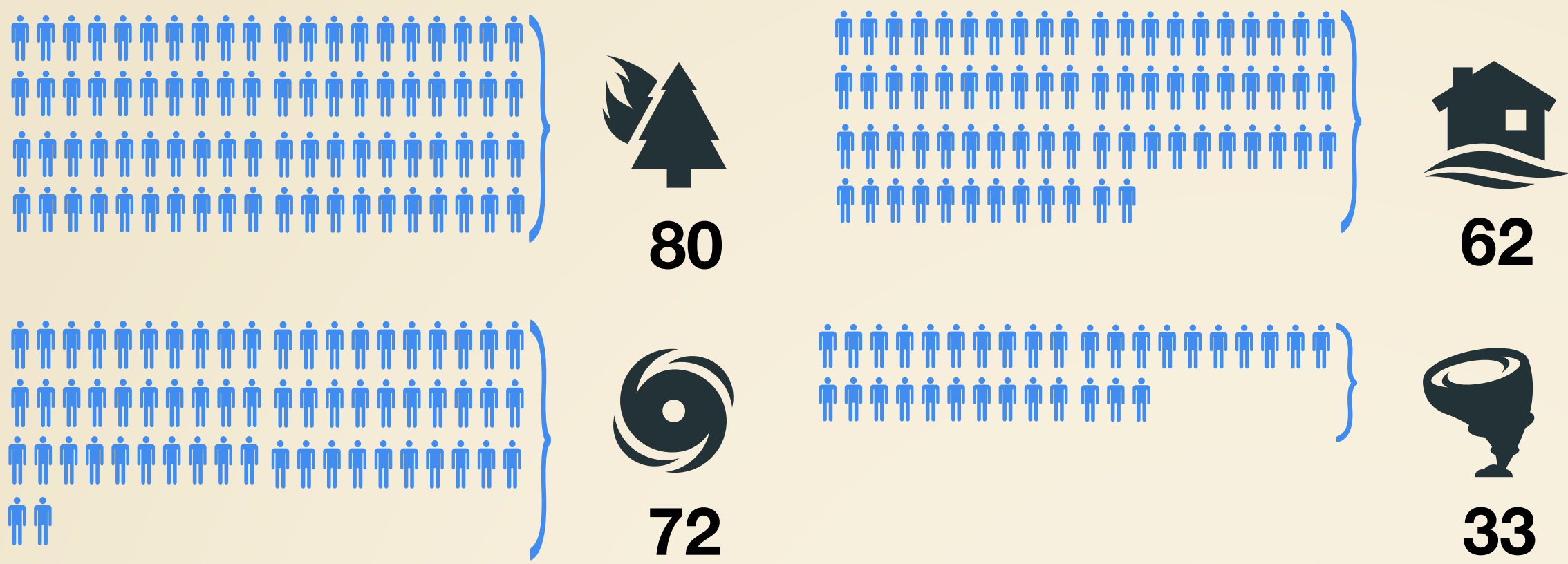


# Natural Disasters & the Workplace

## Natural Disasters Causing Worker Deaths, 1992-2006



36.5 Median days after landfall Hurricane deaths occur

50% Flood Deaths Occur by Driving Through High Water

## Evacuation Checklist

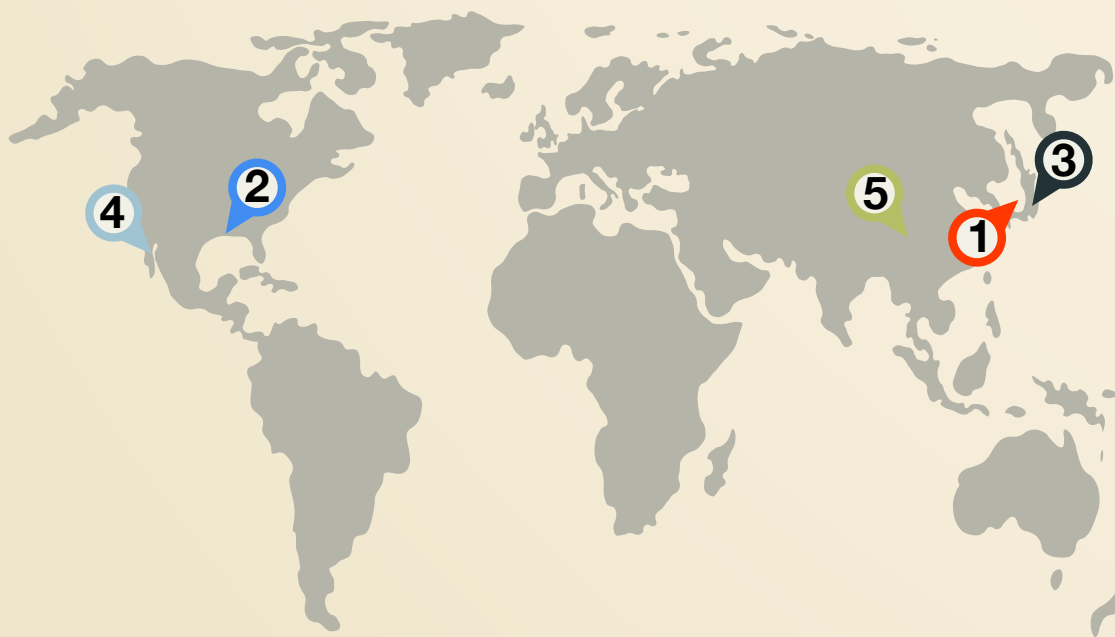
**Emergency**

Every business is required to have an emergency response plan. This plan describes who is responsible in the event of an emergency, what to do in the event of an emergency, evacuation plans, and more. Ask your employer to view a copy of the emergency response plan.

**Action Plan**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Shut down equipment.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Follow escape route.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Turn off lights.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Meet at predetermined assembly point.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Close windows.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Make certain everyone is accounted for. |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Assist others as needed or assigned.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do NOT go back into the building.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Close doors as you leave, don't lock. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Report possible locations of missing.   |

## Costliest Natural Disasters



- 1 Japan earthquake/tsunami- \$235B
- 2 Hurricane Katrina- \$125B
- 3 Kobe Earthquake- \$102.5B
- 4 Northridge Earthquake- \$42B
- 5 Sichuan Earthquake- \$29B



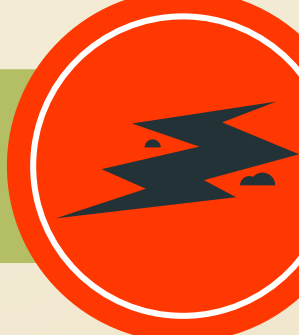
Safety Tips



- Evacuate to high ground
- Don't walk or drive through flood water
- If car stalls in water, abandon it



- Go to the lowest point of the workplace
- Turn off any generators, tools or gas
- Close and stay away from windows



- Get in a secure location
- Check for gas leaks after a quake
- Be prepared for aftershocks