

**Office of Risk Management**  
**RISK ALERT**  
**No. 2022-05**

**RE: Nor'easter**

**January 26, 2022**

A nor'easter is approaching New England between Friday, January 28 evening through the evening of Saturday, January 29. The storm is expected to cause heavy, damaging winds and significant snow accumulation. A Winter Storm Watch has been issued by the National Weather service. Although it's still early, some predictions have indicated that we can expect between 12-18 inches in Boston and across eastern New England. Depending on the track, the south coast or east coast should prepare for potential flooding.

**At this time, we urge you to make the following preliminary preparations:**

- Efforts to **protect property** should now be underway. Prepare for wind damage. Act now to complete preparations before the wind becomes hazardous.
- **Closely monitor NOAA weather radio or other local news outlets** for official storm information and changes to the forecast.
- Some trees in our area may be more susceptible to wind damage. **Immediately inspect trees and bushes. Remove dead or rotting branches that could fall and cause injury or damage.**
- **Be prepared for potential power outages** as a result of downed power lines caused by storm activity. Have an emergency supply kit on hand, including water, flashlight, extra batteries, a first aid kit and non-perishable food.
- **Secure outdoor objects** that could blow away or cause damage to people/property.
- **Check to see if sump pumps are working**, and advise custodians to check all drains, grates and basins to ensure they are free of leaves and debris.

**Property Damage**

If you experience property damage, report the claim immediately at 617-746-5743 or via the online form at: <https://rcabrisk.org/property-claim-report/>. For a list of service vendors, go to: <https://rcabrisk.org/vendors/>.