



Storm Preparation & Situational Awareness

Storm restoration begins long before the first truck leaves the yard. Before responding, review the weather forecast, expected hazards, assigned work area, and emergency communication procedures. Ensure all PPE is in good condition, trucks are inspected, fuel tanks are full, and all emergency equipment is available. During storm response, conditions change rapidly. Be alert for flooding, damaged roadways, unstable trees, downed conductors, damaged poles, and hidden hazards. Never assume a line is de-energized simply because it is on the ground. Maintain constant communication with dispatch and your crew, and always conduct a thorough job briefing before beginning work.

Takeaway: Preparation and situational awareness prevent injuries before restoration work even begins.