



## National Hurricane Center releases new Spanish-language storm surge video

NOAA's National Hurricane Center and Office for Coastal Management, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), have collaborated to produce a new Spanish-language video to raise awareness of storm surge. The English-language version was made available earlier this year.

Storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a tropical cyclone, yet many people do not understand the term or the danger it poses.

Hurricane evacuations are primarily based on storm surge, not wind. Many forget that most of the damage and fatalities from tropical cyclones are a result of the water and not the wind. A mere six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes only two feet of rushing water to carry away most vehicles—including pickups and SUVs.

As was done in the English-language version, this new video uses a “fast draw” technique to explain the storm surge hazard in an engaging and interesting manner.



### Link to Spanish-language video:

No Captions: <https://youtu.be/qhWn3iGp8rE> Captions: <https://youtu.be/9M4TikfAhBE>

Link to English-language video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBa9bVYKLP0>

NHC Storm Surge resources website: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/surge/resources.php>

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