



Ministry of General Affairs
Ministerie van Algemene Zaken
Fire Department
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**INFORMATION ABOUT REQUESTING
A HURRICANE EMERGENCY PASS
2023**

The Prime Minister of Sint Maarten can take measures to maintain public order during emergency situations. After a disaster has struck, and a curfew has been imposed, the public roads can only be accessed by emergency crews. The Prime Minister will ensure curfew is limited to the essential minimum time that is needed to execute the relief effort.

The Prime Minister can issue hurricane passes that will give the bearer an exemption to the curfew. Passes are divided into disaster passes and hurricane passes.

Disaster passes

Disaster passes are available for the disaster relief organization and are valid for three (3) years. The disaster management organization consists of the following:

- Emergency Operations Center staff;
- Emergency Support Functions staff;
- Crucial (governmental) organizations and entities involved in disaster management:
 - o Medical institutions, general practitioners and pharmacies;
 - o Red Cross & WIEMS;
 - o VDSM;
 - o Sea Rescue;
 - o Shelter Management;
- Ministers and their drivers.

Hurricane passes

Some specifics regarding requesting hurricane passes:

- No passes will be issued to business owners in general, with some exemption categories (see below);
- Passes will be valid for two (2) years.

The following categories qualify for requesting a hurricane pass:

- Essential government personnel without a disaster pass;
- Essential personnel of crucial companies or organizations:
 - o N.V. GEBE;
 - o Seven Seas Water;
 - o Telecom & internet providers;
 - o Sint Maarten Airport;
 - o Port of Sint Maarten;
 - o Hotels and guesthouses;
 - o Marinas;
 - o Fuel distributors and gas stations;
 - o Commercial banks;
 - o Hardware stores;

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- Security companies (supervisors only);
- Medium & large size supermarkets;
- Restaurants (those providing food services to emergency services);
- Importers of / wholesale companies for perishable goods (Please note only requests can be submitted for refrigeration and or generator technicians).

Requesting passes

The crucial organizations as listed above (disaster & hurricane passes) can request personal passes for their key personnel.

This pass will allow the bearer to access the public road to assess possible damage to their property and to continue their operations which are vital for society as soon as possible, ONLY during certain hours that will be stipulated and announced by the Prime Minister in a curfew situation.

The deadline for applications is May 17th 2023.

An application form can be requested by sending an e-mail to hurricanepassrequest@sintmaartengov.org. E-mails should include the following:

- Name business or organization;
- Short description of activities of the business or the organization;
- Request for either a disaster or hurricane pass.

The application form has to be completed and can be submitted (with the required attachments) **in printed form** (applications via email are not accepted) at:

- Fire Department, located at Jackal Road 5, Cay Hill (during regular office hours).

When submitting the application the following documents need to be attached:

- copy business license fee paid (or receipt) for 2023 (for businesses);
- proof of 2023 registration at the Chamber of Commerce (for organizations);
- copy valid Sint Maarten ID-card of applicant;
- Nafl. 50,- in leges per application (to be obtained at the Receiver's Office or the Public Service Center), a copy of a digital payment transfer is accepted as well. This is a non-refundable handling fee;
- One (1) passport picture for new applicants, to be sent in JPG-format to hurricanepassrequest@sintmaartengov.org with the name of the person clearly indicated.

The hurricane pass is valid for the 2023 and 2024 hurricane seasons and will remain the property of the Government of Sint Maarten.

One will be informed by email or telephone when to pick up the pass at the Fire Department at Jackal Road 5, Cay Hill.

The Government of Sint Maarten is authorized to verify the information that is supplied by the person / business requesting the emergency pass. Failing to comply with the abovementioned procedure, omitting information or handing in the form too late will result in the application being turned down.

Please note company passes will be accepted during curfew hours from the following institutions:

- **Sint Maarten Medical Center**
- **White & Yellow Cross Foundation**