



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### DBI REMINDS CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS TO PREPARE FOR SEVERE STORM

**WHEN:** Wednesday evening, December 10 – Thursday evening, December 11, 2014

**WHAT:** In anticipation of the potentially severe storm forecasted to affect San Francisco, beginning Wednesday evening and lasting through Thursday evening, with 40-55 miles per hour winds, the Department of Building Inspection recommends the following:

#### Contractors

- Reduce soil erosion by taking the necessary preventative measures in drainage and covering areas of disturbed soil.
- Secure all building materials, especially items like sheets of plywood that may detach and become dangerous projectiles.
- Remove netting from scaffolding, and make sure attachment to the building is adequate.

#### Homeowners

- Secure or remove patio furniture, i.e. umbrellas, chairs, tables, to reduce wind-blown damage.
- Avoid the use of unvented, gas-heat, appliances indoors that may produce carbon monoxide.
- Make sure gutters are clear of debris.
- Prepare your emergency kit, have adequate supplies, and review your emergency plan with family members.

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