

# Preparing Your Law Firm for Hurricanes and Other Natural Disasters

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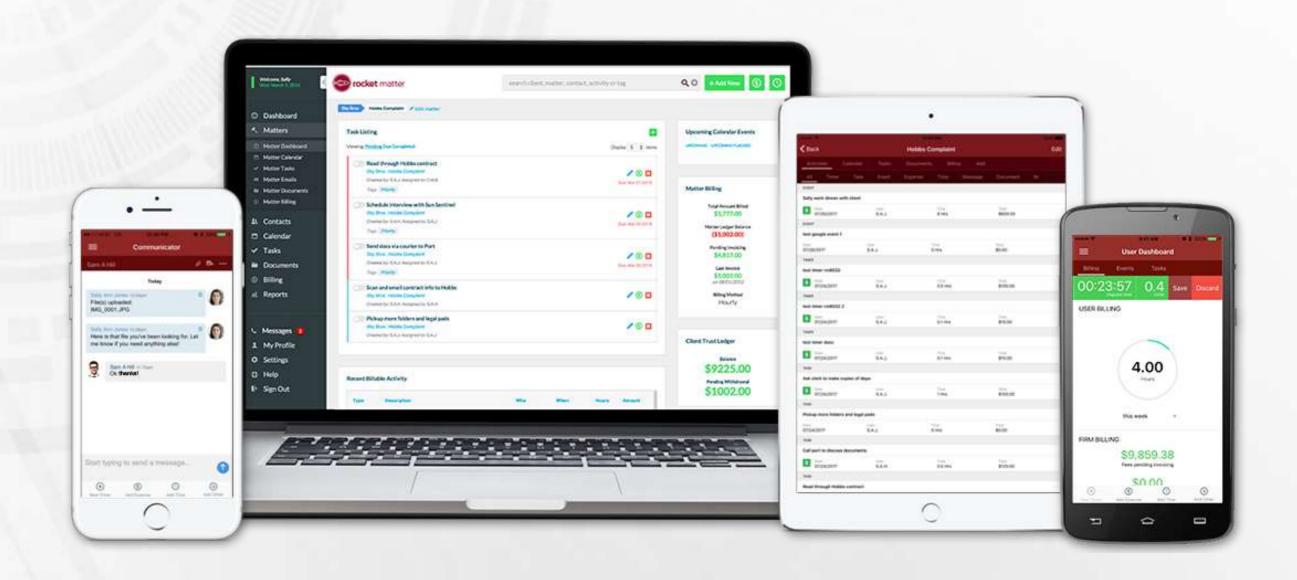


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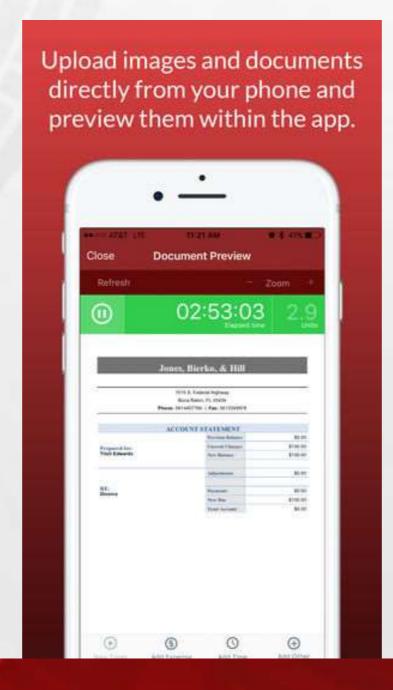


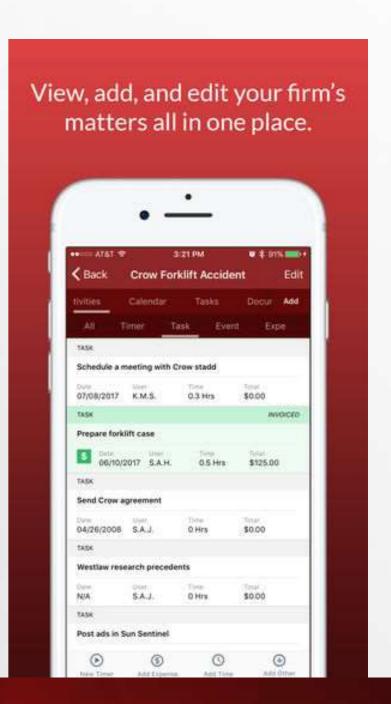
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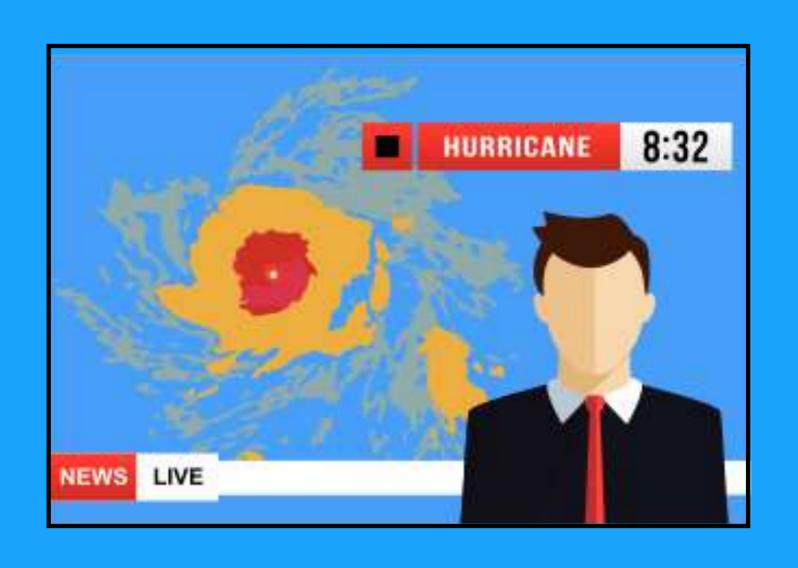
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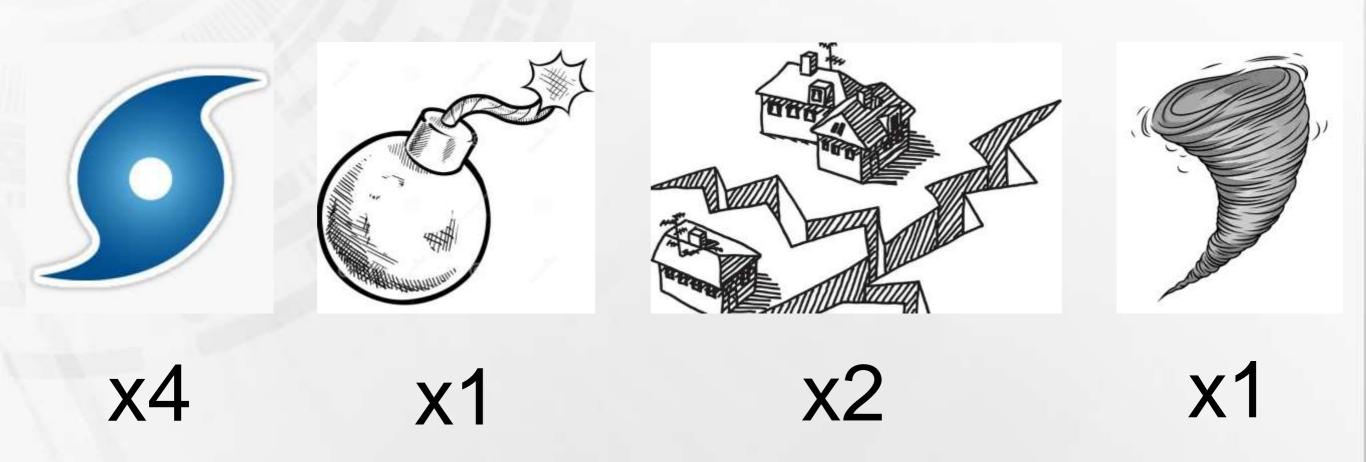




#### A Real-life Story: How Rocket Matter Survived Hurricane Irma



#### Irma was not my first rodeo.



#### FACT:

#### A natural disaster occurs once a week in the United States

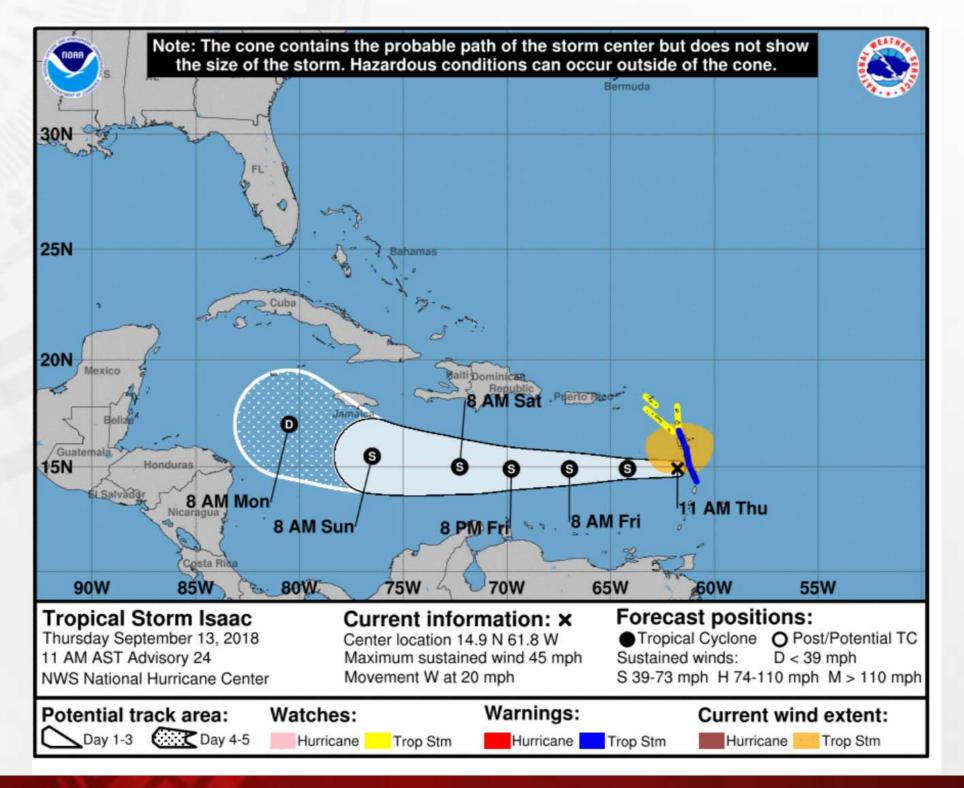


-Federal Emergency Management Agency

Most businesses do not have a disaster plan and are out of business within **five** years after experiencing a major disaster.

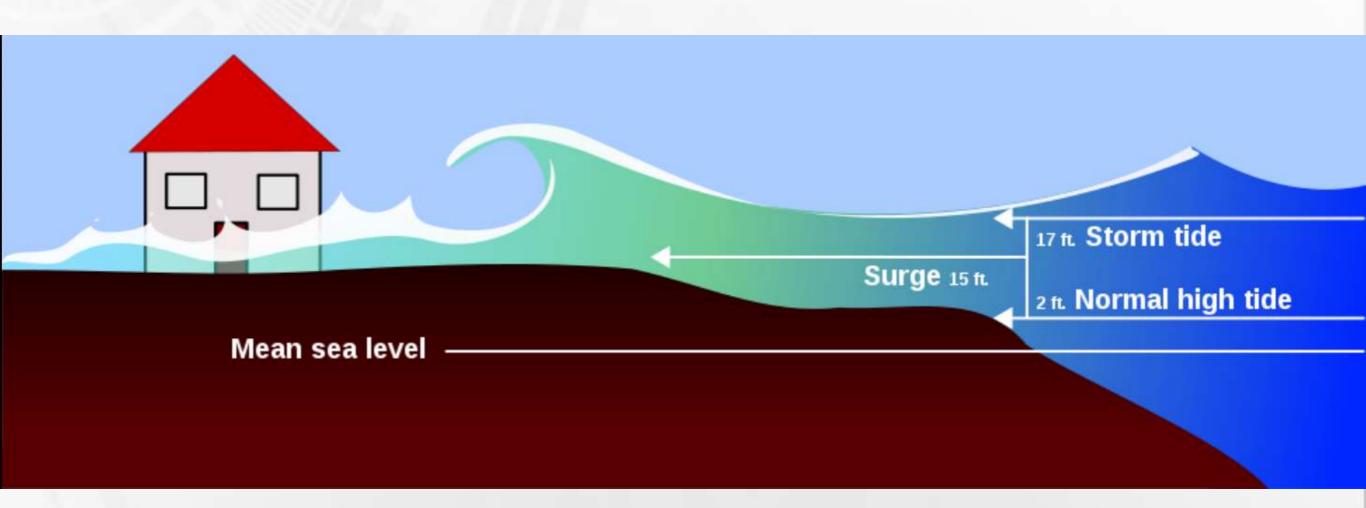
- U.S. Department of Labor

#### The cone is often misunderstood.





## The storm surge is the deadliest part of a tropical storm.





#### Avoid major gas lines and shortages by keep the gas tank full in advance.



#### Consider leaving town for a few days.



### Get some employees out of the line of fire.



## Develop an emergency plan with your staff and review it once a year.



#### Make sure you have a communication plan.



#### Remember, safety first.



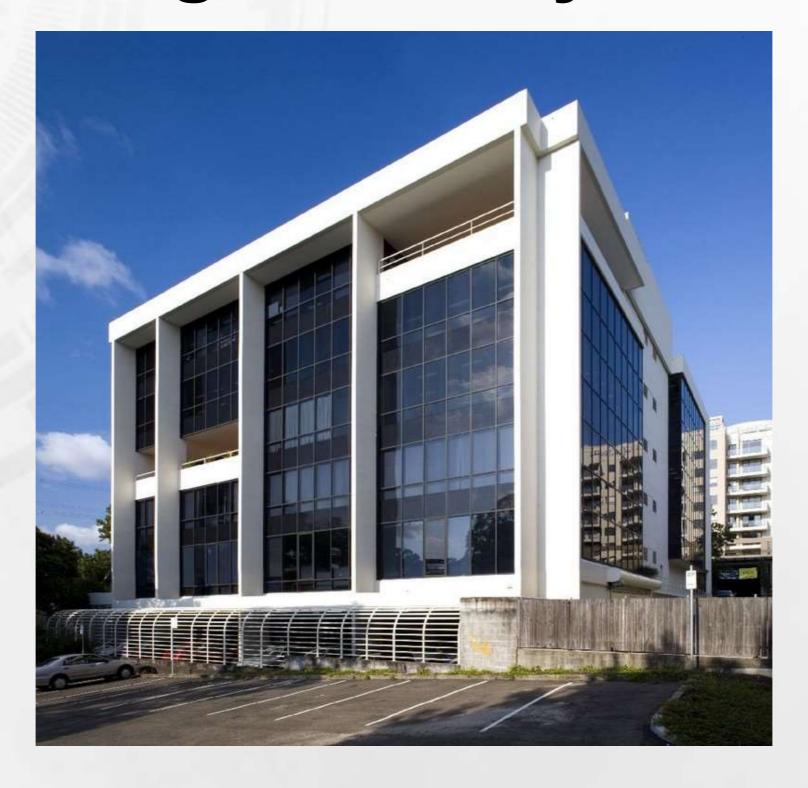
#### Stock up on supplies.



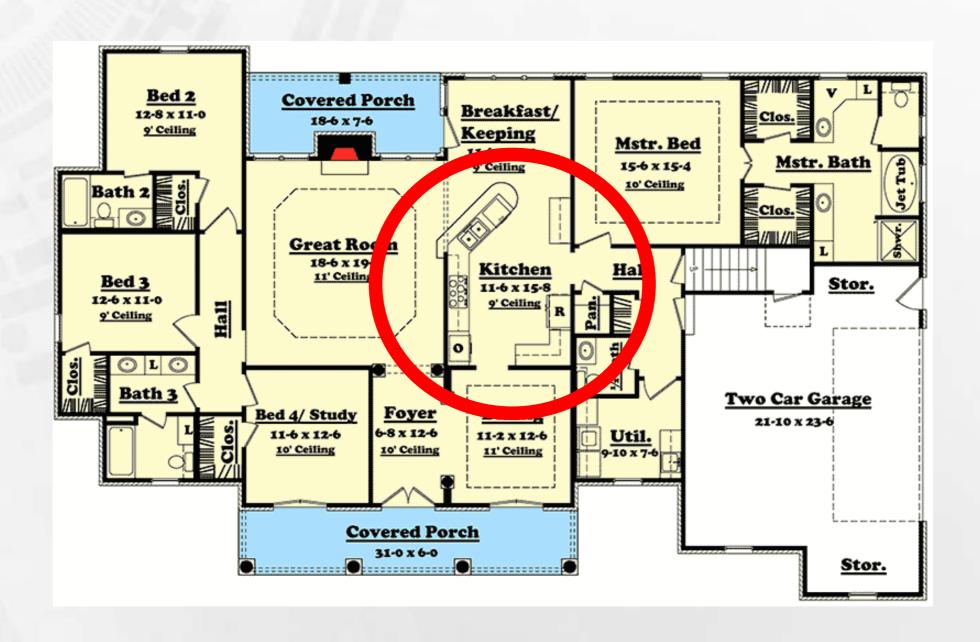
## Set up an evacuation plan (If necessary)



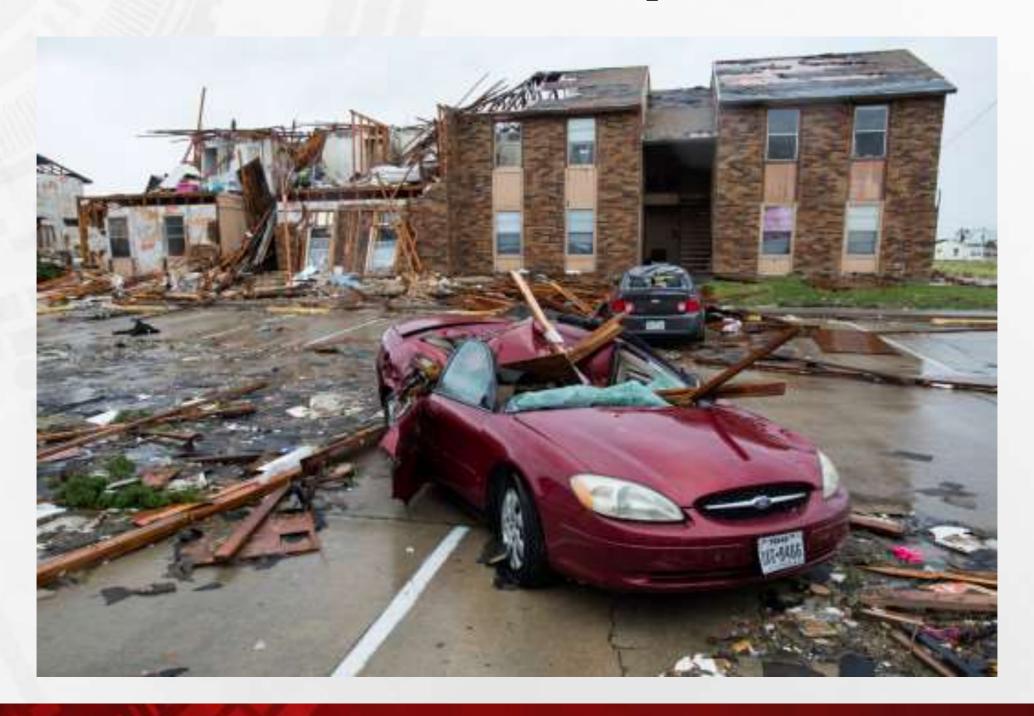
#### Don't forget about your office!



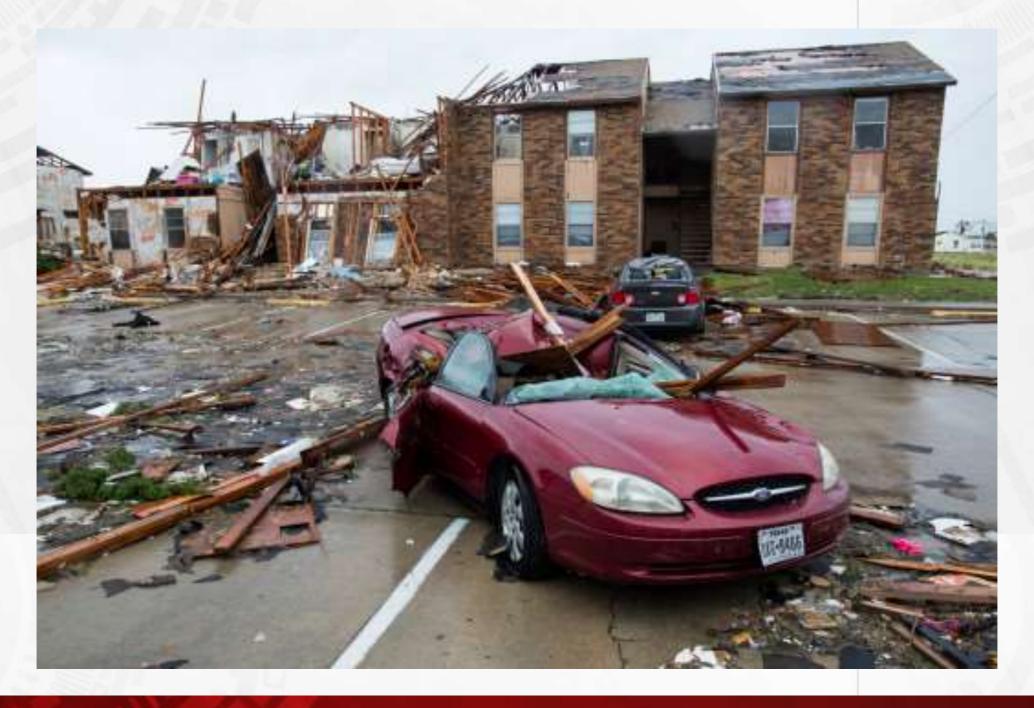
#### During a storm, stay in an interior room.



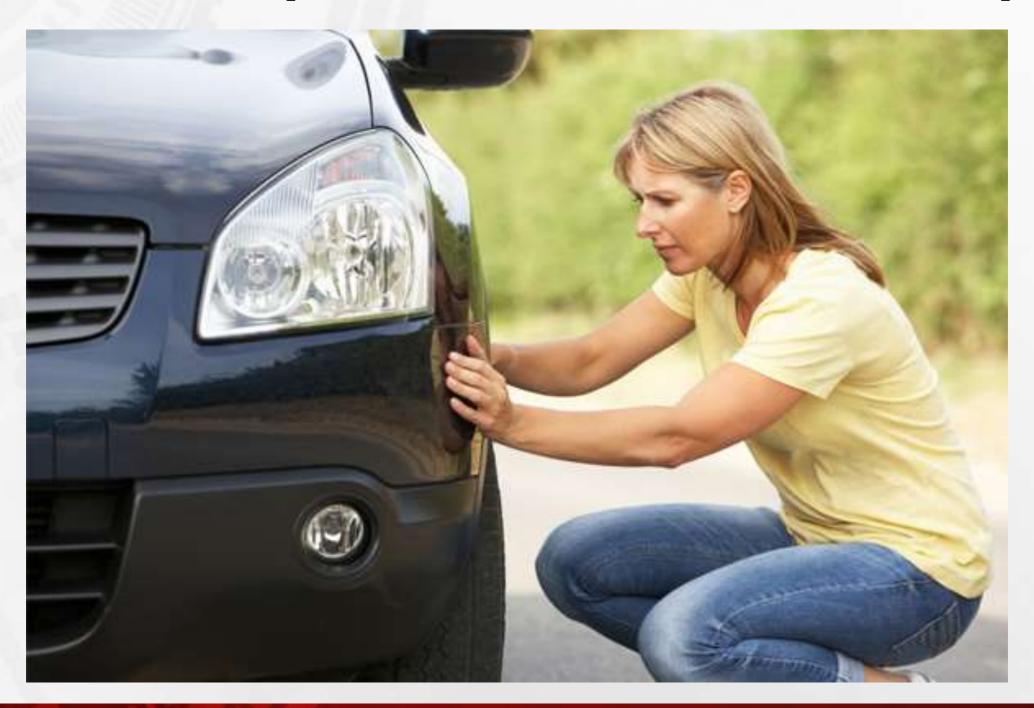
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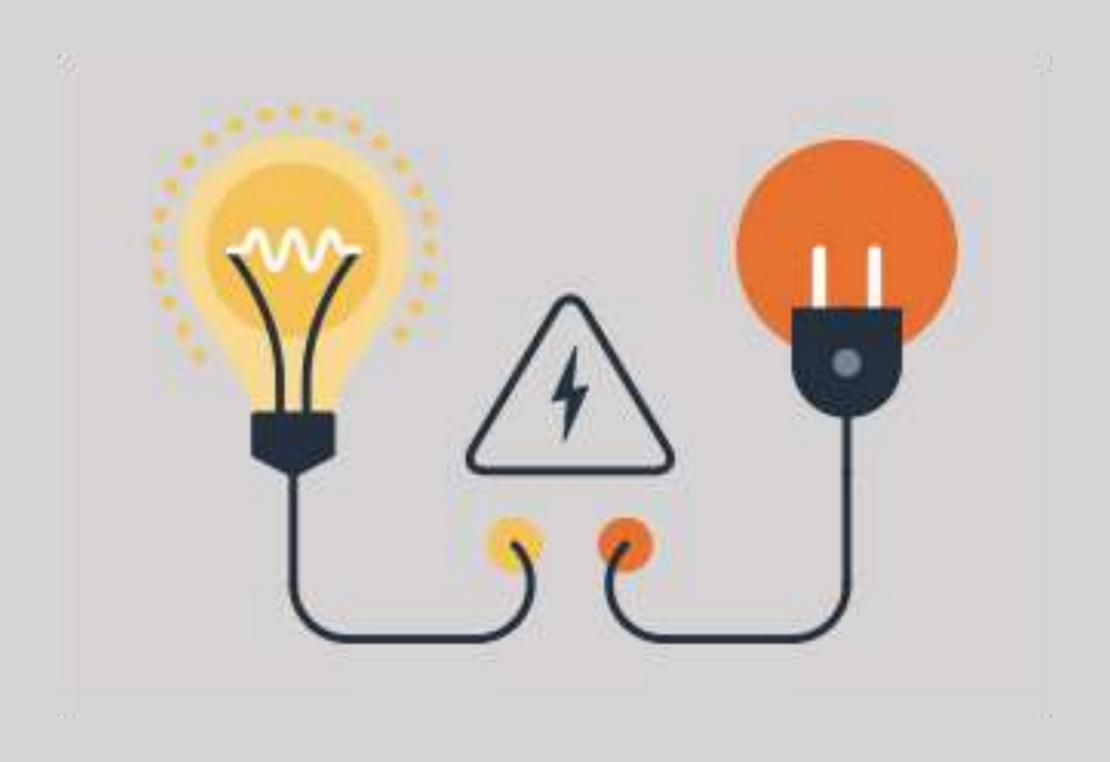
## Vital Skill: No how to change a flat tire (and have the tools)!



#### Vital Skill: Get first aid certified!



#### Account for power loss.



#### Consider investing in a generator for your office and/or home.



#### Get a landline phone without an answering machine.



### Purchase battery backup packs for small devices.



#### Get in the cloud.



#### Keeping your documents onpremise makes them susceptible to hurricanes, natural disasters, and theft.



## You'll always have access to information on the cloud.



#### Back up your work.



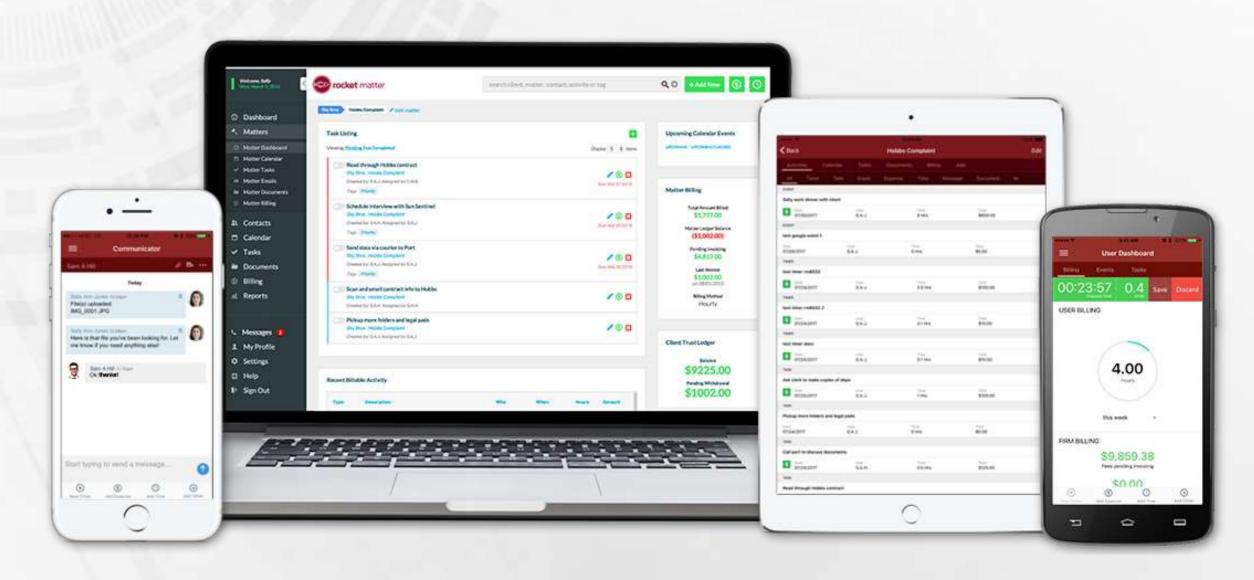
# Use a dedicated cloud-based document management system such as Dropbox, Box, or OneDrive.







## Leverage a cloud-based practice management program with built-in storage.



#### Employ a straight-up digital backup storage device.



#### Make sure to consider your security standards.







#### Thank You!

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