

## **Urgent – Weather Message**

### **High Wind Advisory**

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

11:00 am Friday 14 February 2025

#### **...High wind advisory in effect for Antigua and Barbuda...**

**Locations to be affected:** Especially exposed coastal waters and elevated and open terrains, on the windward side of the islands.

**Timing:** Until tonight.

**Synopsis:** Strong gusty winds are occurring due to a tight pressure gradient. Gusts of 84 km/h or 52 mph have been estimated from observed two-minute sustained winds of 64 km/h or 40 mph, in the last 24 hours. The risk to life and property is low but be aware of potential for gale/storm-force wind gusts and keep across the latest forecasts. These winds could make some outdoor activities uncomfortable, if not outright dangerous. Gale-force wind gusts can affect your balance; it's advisable to avoid exposed elevated areas or getting too close to precarious positions like cliff edges, given the forecast conditions. High winds could create dangerous falling or blowing objects. A high wind advisory means strong sustained winds in the range of 40 to 48 km/h (25 to 31 mph, 22 to 27 knots) with higher gusts imminent or occurring.

**Wind:** East at 28 to 44 km/h (15 to 24 knots; 17 to 28 mph) with strong gale/storm-force gusts estimated at 84 km/h (45 knots; 52 mph).

**Potential impacts:** Includes injuries; very hazardous seas; soil erosion; localized disruptions of some businesses; disruptions to outdoor and sporting activities; disruptions of transportation (air and especially sea); vehicular accidents and financial losses.

**Caution:** Residents should secure loose, light outdoor items, which can be blown away, and caution should be taken when driving. Further, avoid exposed elevated places.

Stay tuned to updates from the Meteorological Service via the Common Alert Protocol (CAP), [antiguamet.com](http://antiguamet.com), X (Twitter), Facebook and YouTube @abmetservice. Also, stay tuned to ABS Radio and TV and other media platforms for updates.

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