

## WIND AND HAIL UPDATE

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## SIGNATURES ON APPLICATIONS

The Association has received several questions in regard to signatures on applications.

Do we need to get a signed application from the insured? ... Yes.

**Can I sign on behalf of the insured?** . . . Yes. You may sign on behalf of the insured as the insured's representative.

**Do we need to send SCWHUA a copy of the signed application?...** No. You keep the signed application in your office.

*Why do we need to retain an application with a "wet" signature on file?* ... In order to comply with regulations, a "wet" signature is required.

*How long do we have to keep the application on file? . . .* You must keep the application on file for 7 years.

*Can we scan the application and retain a digital copy?...* Yes. A digital copy of the application is acceptable as long as a wet signature was on the original.

In the current state of our country, getting a wet signature may not be possible. Can we use digital signatures on the applications?... You may obtain a digital signature for your records from the applicant. You should, as the producer, sign the application in ink and keep a copy.