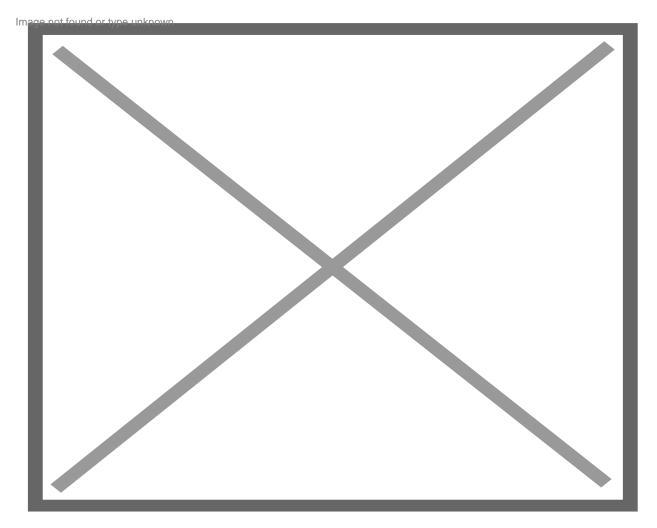
## V.I. Dept. of Health to Conduct Surveys in Neighborhoods Throughout Territory With Aim of Improving Disaster Response

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A damaged home on St. Croix following Hurricane Maria in 2017. By. IRENE ALI/IRENE ALI PHOTOGRAPHY

The V.I. Department of Health said Thursday it will be conducting door-to-door interviews for a hurricane recovery survey on March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Staff members from the department will be interviewing residents using a rapid assessment tool called CASPER, which stands for "Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response."

CASPER will assess recovery and health measures associated with hurricane recovery. Residents will be asked questions regarding hurricane recovery, mosquito control, and household emergency

plans. No personal information will be collected, D.O.H. said.

Teams will be visibly out working in the community, in groups of two, and have official identification. Residents in randomly selected neighborhoods may be visited at the following times:

## St. Croix:

- March 2 between 12 PM and 7 PM
- March 3 between 12 PM and 7 PM

## St. Thomas/St. John:

- March 4 between 12 PM and 7 PM
- March 5 between 12 PM and 7 PM
- March 6 between 12 PM and 7 PM

D.O.H. said it appreciates the community's help with this survey to improve recovery efforts and strengthen the territory's emergency response system.

For more information regarding the CASPER in the USVI, call (340) 712 1311, extension 3891.

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