

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Before, during and after flooding.

PRINT IT. KEEP IT HANDY. MAKE A FAMILY PLAN.

1 BEFORE A FLOOD

Prepare before warnings.



Know your risk

Check official flood maps and alerts.



Save documents

Keep copies in a waterproof pouch.



Prepare a kit

Water, medicines, torch and essentials.



Plan an exit

Know safe routes and where to go.

2 WHEN FLOODING THREATENS

Follow local warnings.



Get updates

Use official emergency channels.



Move early

Follow evacuation instructions promptly.



Protect medicine

Keep needed supplies with you.



Avoid floodwater

It may be contaminated or electrically hazardous.

3 STAY SAFE

Never take shortcuts.



Do not drive

Never drive through floodwater.



Keep children away

Do not play or walk in floodwater.



Call for help

If trapped or in danger, call emergency services.



Utilities

Do not touch wet electrical equipment.

4 AFTER THE FLOOD

Return only when safe.



Wait for clearance

Follow authorities before returning.



Protect yourself

Use protective gear for cleanup.



Check water alerts

Follow local drinking-water notices.



Document damage

Photograph safely for insurance.

MY FAMILY PLAN:

Local alert source: _____ Emergency contact: _____

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS — SAFETY NOTES

Keep this page with your visual quick-glance guide.

1

WHY FLOODWATER IS DANGEROUS

Floodwater can hide debris, holes, sewage, chemicals and electrical hazards. Even shallow moving water can be dangerous. Avoid entering it.

2

EVACUATION IS A SAFETY INSTRUCTION

If officials tell you to evacuate, leave promptly using safe routes. Never enter a flooded road. If escape is unsafe, move to a safer place and contact emergency services.

3

ELECTRICITY AND GAS

Do not operate switches or electrical appliances while standing in water. Only trained professionals should assess damaged electrical and gas systems before reuse.

4

CLEANUP AND DRINKING WATER

Wear appropriate protective clothing, wash hands, discard contaminated food, and follow local water safety notices. Children should not help with contaminated cleanup.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Write your own local emergency number, contact details and relevant official alert service on page 1. Review the guide with your household.

OFFICIAL REFERENCE POINTS (check local rules):

ready.gov/floods

redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/flood.html

who.int/health-topics/floods