

SAFETY TALKS!
Flood Safety Precautions

Before the Flood:

Know the following terms:

Flood Watch—Flooding possible in a certain designated area.

Flood Warning— Flooding is imminent or already reported.

- Learn to recognize environmental clues such as heavy rains, topography and flood history of the region.
- Know your elevation above flood stage and the history regarding flooding of your location.
- Learn first aid and CPR at your local Red Cross chapter or community organization.
- Keep on hand a battery-operated flashlight and radio.
- Learn evacuation routes.
- Keep vehicle fueled since power failure may render service stations inoperable.

During:

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not attempt to cross a stream where water is above your knees. When in doubt, don't try it.
- Do not try to drive over a flooded road. The water can be much deeper than it appears and you could be stranded or trapped.
- Do not try to drive around police barricades.
- Stay away from drains and ditches.

After:

- Do not eat fresh food that has come in contact with floodwaters.
- Boil drinking water before using.
- Report broken or downed gas, electrical and water lines immediately.
- Do not handle electrical equipment in wet areas.
- Stay home. Do not sightsee. Your presence could impede relief efforts as well as endanger yourself.
- Cooperate with local officials. Respond to requests for assistance from local police, firefighters and relief workers. Community participation is critical to effective disaster relief.

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