



Emergency - Floods



Floods happen when land that is normally dry becomes submerged in water due to heavy rain, rapid snowmelt, or overflowing rivers. Floods can cause damage to buildings, homes, and infrastructure and pose a risk to human life and safety.

Do's in a flood

- Switch off all electrical and gas appliances.
- Electrical current can travel through water, so stay away from power lines.
- Move to a higher floor or ground.
- Make an emergency kit and let your friends and family know where you are going.
- Avoid contact with floodwater as it may contain harmful sewage water and other substances.
- If you have to walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that you do not step into deep water, open manholes or ditches.
- Listen to the radio or television for updates and information.

Don't's in a flood

- Don't walk through fast-flowing water. It can knock you off your feet.
- Don't drink floodwater.
- Don't swim through fast-flowing water, as you may get swept away or struck by an object in the water.
- Don't drive through a flooded area.
- Don't eat any food that has come into contact with floodwater.
- Do not use candles, lanterns, or open flames.
- Never use electrical equipment while standing on wet floors.

