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# Flash Flood Fact Sheet

## What to do in flash floods

### Now:



- Find out about your local flash flood risk
- Put together a Home or Business FloodSafe Plan
- Check your insurance policy
- Keep a list of emergency contact numbers near the phone or on the fridge

### Before:



- Act on environmental cues
- Follow your Home or Business FloodSafe plan
- Leaving low-lying homes and businesses well before flash flooding begins (evacuation), is the best action to take but only if it is safe to do so. If you are trapped by rising floodwater, seek refuge in the highest part of a sturdy building. Stay there and call '000' (triple zero) if you need rescuing

### During:



- Listen to the local radio station for information, updates and advice
- Never drive, ride or walk through floodwater
- Follow all instructions given to you by emergency services

### After:



- Stay clear of damaged buildings, trees and power lines
- Be aware of trip, slip and fall hazards
- Be aware of health and safety issues
- Wear suitable clothing

### Fast Facts

Flash flooding results from very heavy rainfall during short intense storms

They can occur with little or no warning time and you may have to act on environmental cues

People on foot or in vehicles are often swept away. This is the leading cause of death during floods

Preparing now can help you respond better and recover faster

**Never drive, ride or walk through floodwater**



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