



Flood Safety Tips



More people die each year from flooding than do from lightning, tornadoes, or hurricanes. Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle related. Protect yourself by following these tips:

- Learn the safest route from your home or business to higher, safer ground, but stay tuned to reports of changing flood conditions.
- If emergency officials tell you to evacuate or leave your home, go immediately to a safe shelter, hotel, or relative's house.
- Turn off all utilities, gas, and electricity at the main switch. Stay away from power lines and electrical lines. Be alert for gas leaks.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood related deaths. Currents can be deceptive; just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than in any other location. Vehicles also push water into homes and cause additional property damage.
- To learn what to do during a flash flood while driving, go to [Turn Around Don't Drown](#).