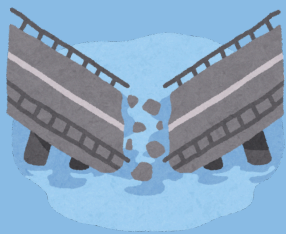


Dangers in cities and rural areas during floods

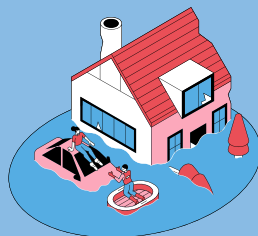


Dangers in cities



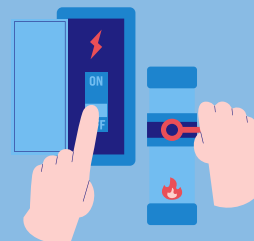
Erosion

floodwater can weaken bridges, riverbanks and buildings, leading to dangerous collapses.



Water damage

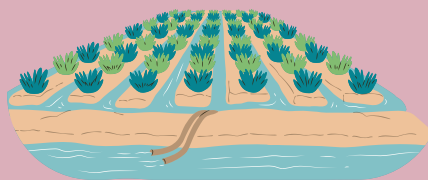
Even small amounts of flooding can ruin furniture, damage floors and walls, and destroy anything that gets wet. Cars often get damaged by floodwater.



Utilities

Gas and electrical services can be cut off, creating hazards.

Dangers in rural areas



Farming

Floods destroy crops and drown livestock and other animals.



Transportation

Roads and bridges can be washed away, making it hard to get food and other essential supplies to the people who need them. This can lead to starvation in some areas.



Living conditions

People may have no option than to move to temporary shelters where clean water, safe food and sanitation are lacking, making it easy for diseases to spread.



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