

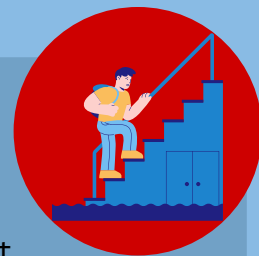
Staying safe **during** a flood

Floods are dangerous, but you can take steps to protect yourself, your family and your home.



Stay out of the water

- **Evacuate vertically:** if you can't leave the area, move to higher ground or the upper floors of a building.
- **Don't walk in floodwater:** don't walk or wade through floodwater. It might be deeper or faster-moving than you think and there could be hidden dangers like holes or debris.
- **Avoid damaged buildings:** stay away from buildings that look unstable.
- **Stay put if stranded:** if you find yourself stuck on high ground or a rooftop, stay there until help arrives.



Stay safe in your vehicle

- Don't drive through flowing water or flooded roads and bridges. Don't ignore barricades. Turn around and find a different route.
- Avoid underpasses – it's hard to tell how deep the water is.
- **Limit night travel:** it's best not to drive at night during a flood.
- **Find high ground:** if you can, drive to higher ground away from rivers, streams and drains.
- **Abandon stalled vehicles:** if your car gets stuck in water, get out and move to higher ground. Trying to restart the engine can damage it.
- **Escape a submerged vehicle:** if your car is sinking, roll down the windows to get out.



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