

# DURING A FLOOD EVENT



## Stay Informed

- **Radio and Television:** Tune in to local radio and television broadcasts for real-time updates on flood conditions and safety instructions.
- **NOAA Weather Radio:** If available, utilize NOAA Weather Radio for accurate and official weather information.
- **Internet and Social Media:** Check online platforms and social media channels for additional information and community updates during a flood event.



## Get to Higher Ground

- **Flood-Prone Areas:** If you reside in an area prone to flooding or are camping in low-lying regions, prioritize moving to higher ground immediately to ensure personal safety.



## Obey Evacuation Orders

- **Prompt Evacuation:** Adhere to evacuation orders without delay. Swiftly leave the premises and ensure your home is securely locked behind you.
- **Utilities and Appliances:** If time allows, disconnect utilities and appliances to mitigate potential hazards.



## Practice Electrical Safety

- **Avoiding Flooded Areas:** Refrain from entering basements or rooms where water covers electrical outlets or submerged cords.
- **Recognizing Hazards:** If you witness sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping, or popping noises, evacuate immediately. Stay clear of water that may be carrying electrical currents.



## Avoid Flood Waters

- **Walking Precautions:** Never walk through floodwaters, as just 6 inches of moving water can be enough to knock you off your feet.
- **Trapped by Water:** If trapped, seek the highest possible point and, if possible, call emergency services at 911.
- **Driving Safety:** Do not drive into flooded roads or around barricades; adhere to the principle of "Turn Around, Don't Drown." Recognize that water may hide various hazards such as sharp objects, washed-out road surfaces, electrical wires, and chemicals.
- **Vehicle Risk:** Be aware that swiftly moving water can sweep away vehicles. As little as 12 inches of water can float a car or small SUV, while 18 inches can carry away larger vehicles.

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