

# Types of Flood Risk



## HEAVY RAINS

Heavy rains can overwhelm drainage systems, leading to widespread urban flooding.



## SNOWMELT

Thawing snow combined with heavy rains can trigger sudden and dangerous flash floods.



## FLASH FLOODS

Flash floods strike swiftly, posing a significant risk to life and property.



## HURRICANES

Hurricanes bring torrential rains and storm surges, causing devastating inland flooding.



## COASTAL FLOODING

Coastal flooding from storm surges threatens coastal communities and ecosystems.



## EROSION FROM WILDFIRE

Wildfire erosion increases flood risks, endangering areas downstream from burnt regions.



## LEVEES & DAMS

Levees and dams offer protection, but failures in aging infrastructure can lead to catastrophic flooding.



## ICE JAMS

Ice jams in rivers can cause rapid rises in water levels, flooding nearby areas.



## MUDFLOWS

Mudflows, triggered by heavy rains, can engulf homes and infrastructure downstream.

Flood risks come in many forms, knowing the most common causes of flood will help you better understand your exposure. Understanding your flood risk is the first step in protecting what is most likely your most valuable asset, your home or business. Remember, low risk does not mean no risk.