

During a Flood



- Keep listening to your local radio for updates.
- If you need to be evacuated because of severe flooding or damage, contact the Police or other Emergency Services by dialling 999.
- If flooding traps you, stay by a window and try to attract attention.
- Consider your neighbours, particularly older or vulnerable people.
- Assume that floodwater contains sewage and adopt good hygiene practice, avoid unnecessary contact with floodwater water.
- Ensure that you wear plastic/rubber gloves when handling items affected by floodwater.
- When driving, obey road closures or advisory notices that are put out for your safety and the safety of others
- If driving in a flooded area, drive slowly to avoid making waves which may put rescue workers in danger and cause more damage to property.
- Don't allow children to play in floodwater areas. Wash children's hands frequently.
- Avoid flowing water, only 6 inches deep can sweep adults off their feet.
- Turn off electricity/water/gas supplies at the mains
- Don't use electrical circuits or equipment exposed to floodwater until checked by a qualified electrician.
- Don't use food that has been in contact with floodwater.
- Don't use contaminated water to drink, wash dishes, brush your teeth, wash or prepare food.
- Be aware that flooding may not have reached its peak, or may be predicted to return.
- Respond to the instructions from Police Officers and other Emergency Services - they have your safety in mind.
- Manhole covers may have come off and there may be other hazards you can't see.
- Never try to swim through fast flowing water - you may get swept away or be struck by an object in the water.
- Co-operate with emergency services and local authorities - you may be evacuated to a rest centre.

Do as much as you can in daylight. Doing anything in the dark will be a lot harder, especially if the electricity fails.

- If you do have to be evacuated from your property because of flooding, take any prescribed medication for you and your family and make sure your premises are secure and don't leave windows open in the hope it will help to dry out the property.

- Unplug all electrical items and store upstairs or high up.