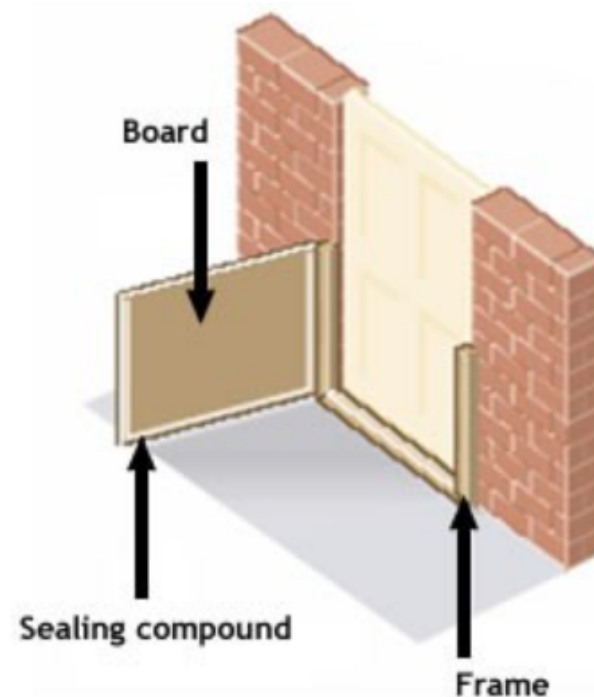


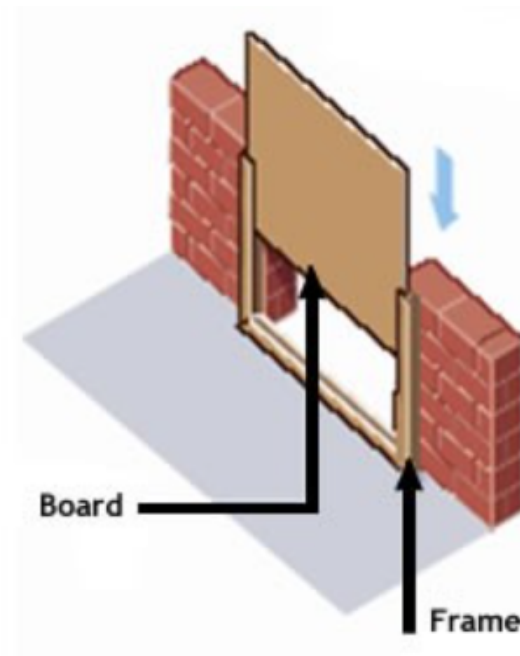
How to make and use flood boards

Purpose-made flood boards for doors, windows and air bricks will be more successful than sandbags for minimising floodwater entering a property. They are available commercially, but can be easily made by someone with DIY knowledge. In either case the product or materials will need to be purchased and installed in advance of a flood. Most commonly, this type of flood board will comprise a frame and board or panel. Retaining fixtures may need to be a permanent feature of the property, but the frame and gate can be removed and stored when not in use. If a flood is imminent, most can be installed in a matter of minutes.

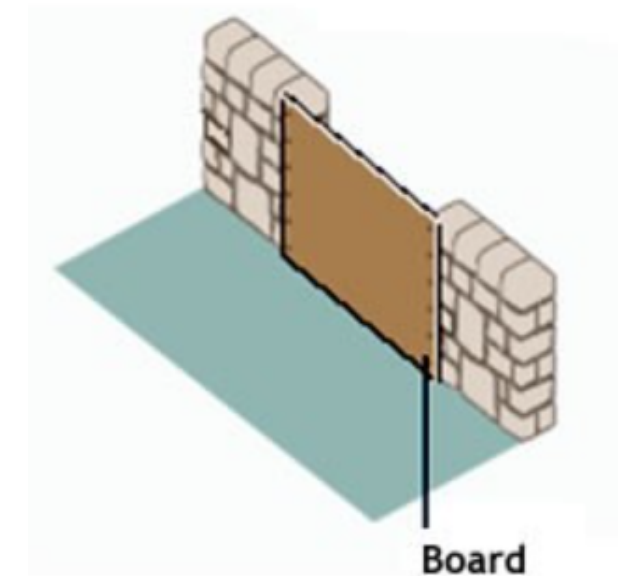
Hinged panel across entrance



Sliding panel across entrance



Using boards to prevent floodwater entry to property and gardens



The most basic method is to construct a strong wooden or metal barrier that is secured flat against the wall or frame surrounding a door or window.

The pressure of floodwater itself will help seal the barrier. This can be enhanced by adding suitable material to make a seal between the wall and the board, for example a blanket or silicone type sealing compound. The efficiency of makeshift flood boards will depend on the strength of the walls and the durability of the fixings used to secure the wooden or metal panels.

Remember!

It would be advisable to check with OIC Planning before installing fixed frames on doorways for flood boards. If you are advised against it, there are a variety of fully demountable flood barriers available for purchase which would eliminate the need for permanent fixtures on the exterior of your property.