Smart Flood Safety for EVERY Household

BE PREPARED: BEFORE A FLOOD

1. Check forecasts (weather.gov or local news) and confirm if your home, school, or workplace is in a flood-prone area.

2. Identify flood-prone roads and map out alternative safe routes.

3. Agree on a family communication plan and pack emergency kits (water, meds, chargers, etc.).

4. Ensure your phone and critical devices are fully charged before a storm.

STAY SAFE: DURING A FLOOD

1. Monitor local news for flood updates and, if you're in a flood-prone area, move to higher ground immediately.

2. Plan to evacuate early—leave before water levels rise to avoid becoming stranded.

3. Always follow evacuation orders and warning signs, and if time allows, safely turn off utilities and unplug appliances before you go.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION: AFTER A FLOOD

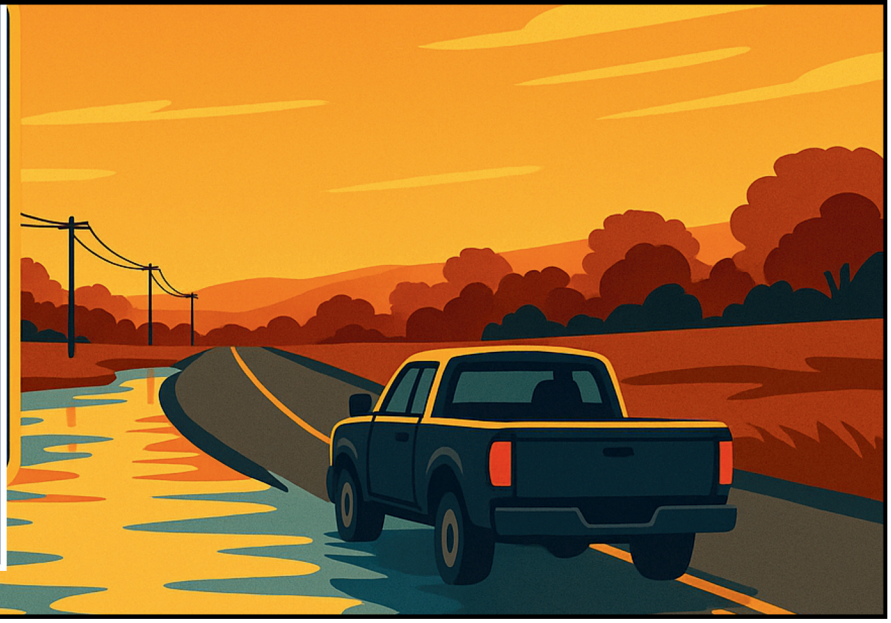
1.Keep listening to local news for updates on affected areas and whether your drinking water is safe.

2.Avoid any standing water—it can conceal hazards like chemicals, live wires, or sharp debris.

3. Stay out of disaster zones until given the all clear, so emergency crews can work unimpeded, and always obey road closures and warning signs.

4. Once you're safe, let family and friends know you're okay.

CRITICAL WARNING: Turn Around, Don't Drown®

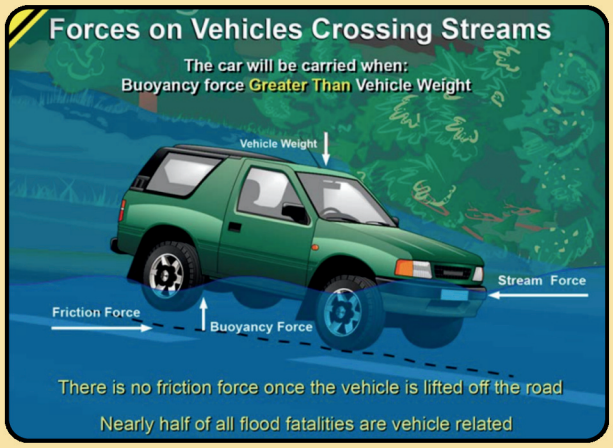


Did you know entering floodwaters causes over HALF of all flood deaths?

- Just 6 INCHES of fast-moving water can knock an adult off their feet.
- Only 12 INCHES of moving water can sweep away a small car.
- At 18 TO 24 INCHES, moving water can carry away larger vehicles, including trucks, vans, and SUVs!

Understand the Danger:

On rural roads and low-water crossings, floodwaters can hide deep holes or washed-out ground—often invisible at night or in heavy rain. For your safety—driving or walking—never enter standing water. If you see a flooded roadway, **Turn Around, Don't Drown®**.



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