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# PREPARE YOUR HOME TO COPE WITH FLOODING

## + Elevate

Secure your important items, and move as many as possible to a higher place.

## + Unplug

Unplug all appliances and electronic devices from outlets and elevate them.

## + Create an Emergency Plan

Develop and practise a comprehensive emergency plan for your family, including evacuation routes, a communication strategy and designated meeting points.

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE.  
PLANNING IS THE KEY TO PROTECTING  
YOURSELF FROM FLOODING.**



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# FLOOD SAFETY TIPS DURING A FLOOD

- + Stay informed: Tune into your local news for updates on flooding in progress.
- + Consider evacuating to higher ground if you are in an area that is regularly subject to flooding.
- + If you have time before you evacuate, turn off electricity breakers, water pumps and unplug appliances.

**WHETHER YOU ARE WALKING OR DRIVING  
STAY CLEAR OF FLOODWATERS**



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# FLOOD SAFETY TIPS AFTER A FLOOD

- + Do not wade or play in remaining flood water as it may contain dangerous debris like broken glass or metal and sewage.
- + Thoroughly clean and disinfect everything that got wet by floodwaters.
- + Avoid drinking tap water until you know it is safe. If uncertain, boil or purify first.

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# WET ROAD SAFETY TIPS

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Avoid driving through flood waters. Water, up to a car's hubcap is enough to move the car off the road.

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Roads and pavements can become slippery when wet, always proceed with caution.

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Reduce your speed when driving on wet roads to avoid potential accidents or loss of vehicle control.

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# TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN!



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6 INCHES OF FAST-MOVING WATER can knock adults off their feet and sweep them away.

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12 INCHES OF MOVING WATER can carry off a small car.

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18 TO 24 INCHES OF MOVING WATER can carry away larger vehicles including trucks, vans and SUVs.

**TAKE PRECAUTIONS. STAY AWAY FROM FLOODWATERS, WHETHER DRIVING OR WALKING.**