

# FLOOD

## SAFETY TIPS

Some floods develop slowly, while flash floods can strike in a matter of minutes.



### TERMS TO KNOW

**FLOOD WATCH:** Flooding is possible—stay tuned to radio or TV for information.

**FLASH FLOOD WATCH:** Flash flooding is possible and could occur without warning—stay tuned to radio or TV and be prepared to move to higher ground.

**FLOOD WARNING:** Flooding is occurring or is about to.

**FLASH FLOOD WARNING:** A flash flood is occurring—get to higher ground if necessary.

### PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IN CASE OF FLOODING:

- Learn flood evacuation routes and where to find high ground.
- Evacuate if instructed by authorities, and return home only when they say it's safe.
- Be aware of streams, washes and other low-lying areas that are prone to sudden flooding.
- Never walk through moving water more than six inches deep.
- Do not drive into flooded areas.
- Avoid camping in areas along streams and washes, especially during threatening conditions.

### BEWARE OF LIGHTNING

#### INSIDE:

- Avoid showering, bathing, and using a phone that has a cord except in an emergency.
- Unplug appliances and computers and turn off air conditioners.

#### OUTSIDE:

- In a forest, seek shelter under small trees. Never stand under a tall tree in an open area.
- In an open area, go to a low place such as a valley or ravine—but beware of flash floods.
- Stay away from metal fences, pipes, equipment and machinery.



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