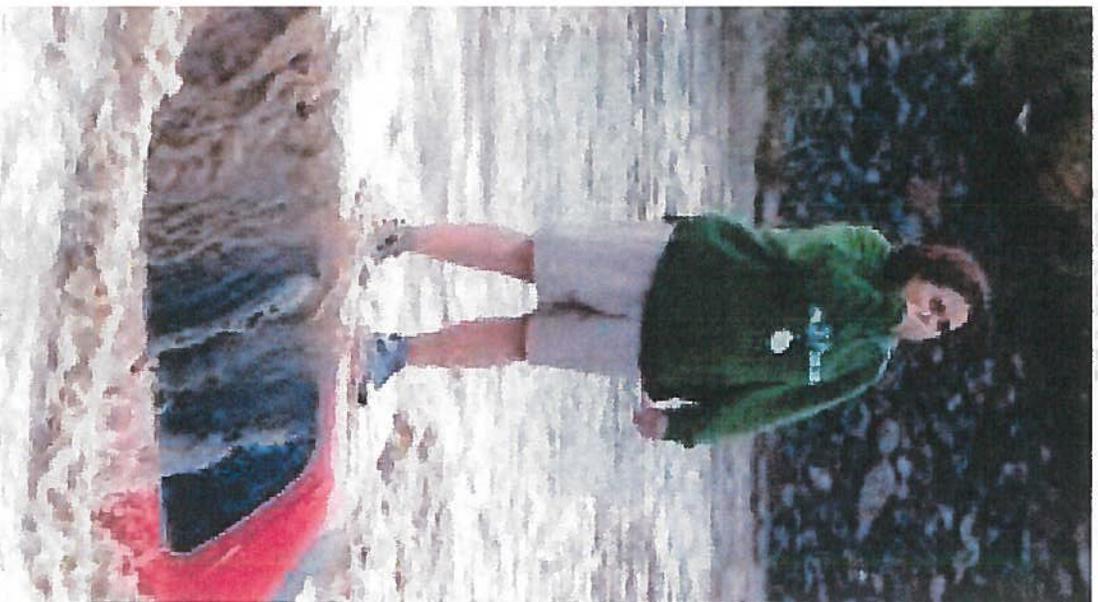


Turn Around, Don't Drown!



Don't Wait Until It's Too Late.

Pay attention to what is going on around you. Watch the weather reports, listen to the local radio stations and call local authorities for information. Water may come up suddenly if we would get heavy rain for a period of time. If you live in a flood prone area, have supplies ready in case you have to evacuate. Plan your escape route.

If your furnace and water heater are in your basement and it is filling with water, you may want to turn off the electricity and gas supply before it is under water.

Electricity and Water are a deadly combination.

If water has reached anything that is plugged in, **"Stay Away"**.

Electrical shock is one of the leading causes of death during flood situations.

Call the power company to disconnect the electricity until the flood waters recede.

Drive Safely

Water can cross roads quickly and may not have been found and barricaded.

Do not drive through standing water on the road ways.

Moving water, 6 inches deep, can move a vehicle.



Should I try to go through?

Is the road washed out?

Can you see if there is debris under the water?

What if my car gets pushed off the road?

The Answer is NO!

Good reason not to drive through a flooded road.



Cover the road in the picture above with flood water. Could be a tragic event. You do not know what is under the water, a missing man hole cover, trip or step on a log and hurt your ankle, broken glass, bicycle or skate board.
Not worth trying, call for assistance.



Volunteer.

Help where needed.

Fill sand bags, evacuate people in need. Contact the local authorities to see where you can help.



Terms to Know

Flood Watch - Flooding is possible within 12 to 36 hours.

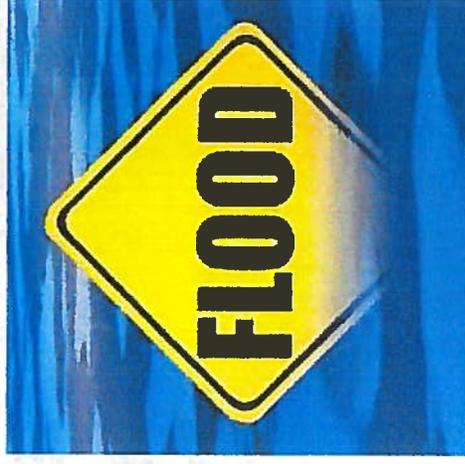
Flash Flood Watch - Flash flooding is possible and could occur without warning.

Flood Warning - Flooding is or soon will be occurring.

Flash Flood Warning - Flash flooding is occurring. Move to higher ground at once if you are at risk.



Floods: What to do and what you should know.



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