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# Flood Safety

Do you think floods can't happen where you live? Think again!

## How Do You Know if a Flood Is Coming?

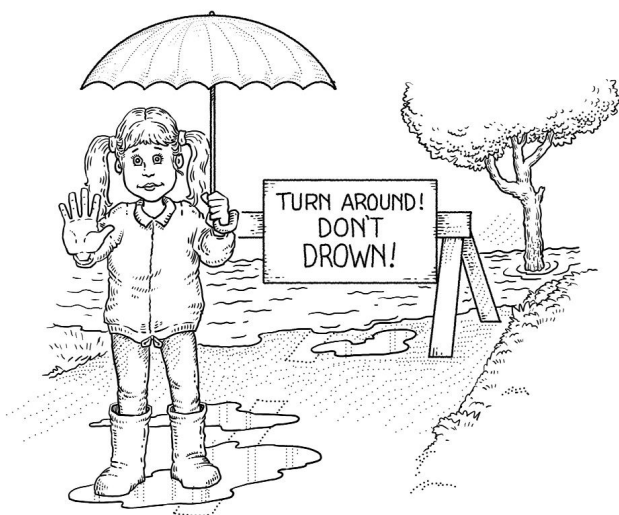
**NOTICE** — if it's been raining for several hours or days

**LISTEN** — to weather radio, regular radio or TV

- ≡ Flash flood — can occur very fast and with no warning after a heavy rain, dam or levee failure, or sudden release of water held back by an ice jam
- ≡ Flash flood WATCH — means that there is a possibility of a flash flood
- ≡ Flash flood WARNING — means that a flash flood is already occurring or is about to occur
- ≡ Flood — an overflow of water into a normally dry area from an established watercourse, such as a river, stream, drainage ditch or pond
- ≡ Flood WATCH — means that a flood is possible
- ≡ Flood WARNING — means that a flood is likely that can cause serious damage to life or property



## Turn Around — Don't Drown



Floods are the #1 natural disaster in the US and most people killed in floods drown in moving water.

- ≡ Just six inches of moving water can make you fall down
- ≡ Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most cars and make them lose control or stall
- ≡ One foot of water will float most cars
- ≡ Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including SUVs & pick-up trucks
- ≡ Obey all official signs & barricades
- ≡ Don't play or swim in flood water

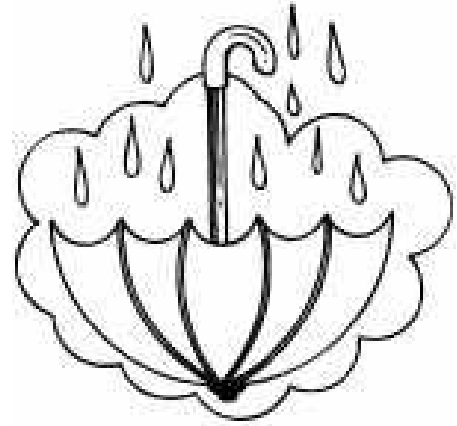


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## HIGHER GROUND IS THE SMART PLACE TO BE

If you see flood waters, move away from them. Go to a higher place. Never play near or try to swim in flood waters.



- ≈ What's the difference between a flood and a flash flood?
  1. Flash flood involves less water
  2. Flash flood happens quickly
  3. Flash flood involves mud
- ≈ What is the most important thing to do in case of a flash flood?
  1. Get to higher ground
  2. Gather supplies for an evacuation
  3. Dive into a ditch
- ≈ Is it safe to drive through moving flood waters?
  1. Sometimes
  2. Rarely
  3. Never
- ≈ If your car stalls in rapidly rising water
  1. Stay inside of it and wait to be rescued
  2. Push it to shallower water
  3. Get out immediately and get to higher ground
- ≈ Floods can happen
  1. Anywhere at any time
  2. Only near rivers, lakes and oceans
  3. Only during storms