

Flood Safety

Do not walk-through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive with six inches of moving water capable of knocking down an individual off their feet.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their automobiles than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers – the road or bridge may be washed out, or the current may be deeper and faster than you think.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer is electrocution as electrical current can travel through water.

Have your electricity turned off by the utility company. Some appliances, such as television sets, keep their electrical charges even after they have been turned off. Do not use appliances that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns, or an open flame unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Additional flood safety information can be obtained at [FEMA](#).