

# FLOOD SAFETY



Flash floods are the #1 weather-related killer in the U.S. Nearly half of flash flood deaths are auto related. Know beforehand if your area is a flood risk. Always listen to the radio and television for the latest information and instructions for your area.

A **FLASH FLOOD WATCH** means a flood is possible for your area.

A **FLASH FLOOD WARNING** means flooding is taking place in your area or will soon.

## BEFORE A FLOOD:

- Have a disaster plan.
- Prepare a disaster supplies kit for your home and car. Include a first aid kit, canned food, can opener, bottled water, battery-operated radio, flashlight, protective clothing and written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water.

## DURING A FLOOD:

- Move to a safe area quickly.
- Move to higher ground, like the highest floor of your home.
- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding like low spots and canyons.
- Avoid already flooded areas. If a flowing stream of water is above your ankles stop, turn around and go the other way.
- Do not attempt to drive through a flooded road. The depth of the water is not obvious and the road may be washed away.
- If your car stalls, leave it and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the car, pick it up and sweep it away.
- Kids should never play around high water, storm drains or viaducts.
- Be cautious at night, because it's harder to see flood dangers.
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

## AFTER THE FLOOD:

- Boil drinking water.
- Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before used.