

# Flood Safety Advice

## Inside Your Home

### Be Prepared For Flooding



**Environment  
Agency**

Check the Environment Agency website for flood information - [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

- Make a family flood plan for your home (see EA website for details)
- Turn off the electrics and gas at the mains, if you can do so safely
- Position flood walls and block airbricks, plugs, etc to prevent water from entering your home
- Disconnect washing machines, dishwashers, etc

Water and electricity do not mix. Do not touch potentially live electrical goods or circuits.

**Do not attempt to turn off electrics if standing in water.**

### During Flooding

You may be tempted to use other appliances to cook, heat or pump water from your property, most of which are not designed to be used inside the home.

Are you considering using LPG / gas cylinders often used with BBQs, camping stoves and lights, portable pumps, etc? If you think that these appliances have not been checked or serviced recently, you are at greater risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, a colourless, odourless, highly toxic gas.

**Ensure adequate ventilation in your home at all times.**

If using pumps remember engines and exhausts can become extremely hot. If the pump needs refilling, it should be stopped and allowed to cool before adding more fuel.

## Outside Your Home

### Flood Water Has Many Hidden Dangers

- Fast flowing water can sweep you off your feet
- Water could contain items that could hit you and cause cuts and bruising
- Water may hide uncovered drains, holes and submerged items that could cause an injury
- Water may be contaminated by sewage and other water borne diseases - please do not eat, drink or smoke near flood water

### Animals

Do not follow your pet into flood water, as you may put yourself at risk.

### Travel

Drivers are urged not to risk their lives by driving into floods. Firefighters have been called to rescue the occupants of vehicles that have become totally submerged, where people have been lucky to escape with their lives.

Even if there is no road closed sign, use your common sense and take a different route where necessary. If there is a road closed sign, please do not ignore it.

Check for road and traffic updates before setting off on your journey.

Check your local weather forecast.

Allow plenty of time for your journey in case you have to take a detour.

**For immediate threat to life - call 999!**

**For further advice, please visit - [www.rbfrs.co.uk](http://www.rbfrs.co.uk)**

**Floodline**

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