

# Turn around, don't drown!

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Tips for flood or hurricane safety:

1. Keep alert to rapidly changing weather and to news bulletins.
2. Learn the safest route from your home or business to higher, safer ground, but stay tuned to reports of changing flood conditions.
3. If emergency officials tell you to evacuate or leave your home, go immediately to a safe shelter, hotel, or relative's or friend's home. Turn off all utilities at the main switch - BUT ONLY IF TIME PERMITS. Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area. Every source of electricity can be dangerous during and after flooding.
4. If you are caught in a building by suddenly rising water, move to the second floor or the roof (you may need a tool on hand to break through to the roof. Take drinking water, a flashlight and a portable radio with you. Wait for help.
5. If your car stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible. Floodwater can sweep a car away.
6. Swimming or playing in or near floodwater is life threatening. Drainage ditches and canals carry fast-moving floodwater and are extremely dangerous. Explain this to your children.

Remember, FLOODS ARE DECEPTIVE. Try to avoid flooded areas, and don't attempt to walk through floodwater that is more than knee deep. If you are unsure of the depth of water, **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.**

# Have a hurricane or flood plan!

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