

Procedures during a Flood

- If advised by authorities to evacuate, do so ***immediately***. Take your safety kit and lock your business; choose a route away from the flood hazard. Follow your [Emergency Plan for Evacuation](#): (pg.3)
- Keep names and phone numbers of your electrician, heating contractor, plumber, fire department, and building owner easily accessible.
- ***Evacuation Reminders during a Flood:***

ON FOOT:

- Do not walk through moving water; six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving and use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not camp along streams, rivers or creeks, particularly during threatening conditions.

IN VEHICLE:

- Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely; you and the vehicle can be swept away quickly.
 - Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
 - A foot of water will float many vehicles.
 - Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pickups.
 - Do not attempt to drive through a flooded road; the depth of water is not always obvious; the roadbed may be washed out under the water and you could be stranded or trapped.
 - Do not drive around a barricade; barricades are there for your protection.
 - Do not try to take shortcuts as they may be blocked. Stick to designated evacuation routes.
 - Be especially cautious driving at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
 - Do not park your vehicle along streams, rivers or creeks, particularly during threatening conditions.
- ***Ongoing Actions:***
 - Continue ensuring employee and customer safety.

- Be mindful of indoor safety. If backup power supplies are needed, do not use an electric generator indoors, inside a garage or near building air intakes because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not store gasoline indoors – fumes could ignite.
- Use individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords to plug in other appliances.