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Floods & Flash Floods

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Flash Flood / Flood Safety Tips:

- Nearly half of all fatalities in a flash flood involve a person driving a vehicle. Do not drive into a flooded area, Turn Around Don't Drown! It takes only 2 feet of water to float away most cars, and only 6 inches of fast-moving water to sweep a person off their feet, don't walk through a flooded area!
- If you find yourself in a river valley, move to higher ground if thunderstorms with heavy rains are in the area.
- Don't operate electrical tools in wet or flooded areas.
- Most flash flood deaths occur in the middle of the night when it is more difficult to see rising water levels; especially if water is covering road surfaces.

For further information go to:
www.ready.gov/floods.

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Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters in terms of human hardship and economic loss.

As much as 90 percent of the damage related to all natural disasters (excluding drought) is caused by floods and associated debris flows.

Flooding occurs in known floodplains when there is prolonged rainfall over several days, intense rainfall over a short period of time, or when ice or a debris jam causes a river or stream to overflow.

These disasters may also occur during the winter and early spring when melting snow is combined with rain; in the spring and summer when there are thunderstorms with heavy rain; and in the summer and fall when there is intense rainfall from tropical cyclones in coastal and inland states.

Flash floods can occur within six hours of a rain event, after a dam or levee failure or by a sudden release of water held by an ice or debris jam.

You will not always have a warning that these deadly, sudden floods are coming. So if you live in areas prone to flash floods, plan now.

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