



Are You Prepared for Rising Waters?

As officers in the USPHS, we have the opportunity to lead by example in natural disaster preparedness

Know Your Risk

- Check your home and work location risk:
 - <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>
- Stay up to date with accurate resources:
 - Local news and media
 - NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)
All Hazards receiver
 - USGS's WaterAlert system
- Know the Difference
 - Flood Watch be aware conditions are favorable for flooding
 - Flood Warning – time to take action and move to higher ground, flood is happening
- Protect Yourself with Flood Insurance
 - <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>

Be Ready to Roll

- Have your uniform ready at all times
- Take care of the 6 P's
 - People
 - Pets and livestock
 - Prescriptions
 - Papers – hard copy or electronic
 - Personal supplies – food, water, first aid, cash
 - Priceless/irreplaceable items
- Evacuation Route
 - Have more than one
- Place to Stay
- Plan Your Communication
 - Cell phone, radio, NOAA Weather Radio
 - Batteries and chargers
 - Land lines likely to be out of service
- Practice Your Plan
 - Include all members of household

Don't Chance It!

- When in doubt...
TURN AROUND
- Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather related deaths in the U.S., responsible for ~ 200 deaths per year
- 6 inches moving water knocks you down and 12 inches sweeps your car away
- If flood waters rise around your car
 - Water NOT moving – abandon car
 - Water moving – do NOT abandon car
- Over 50% of the time, drownings are vehicle related