



Outdoor Safety During Flood Season

The following tips will help insure your safety during the flood season

- If you are planning outdoor activities check with your local media for information and announcements regarding the flood potential in your area. Be alert for changes in the forecast.
- Always tell someone where you are going. In addition, leave a note in your home, trailer, tent or car, providing the date, time of departure, number of people in your party, destination, and expected return time.
- Parents of small children should ensure that children are never left unattended near fast flowing streams.
- Make provisions for your pets to ensure their safety from potential hazards around water.
- Campers should be aware that river levels could rise rapidly and cut off access to and from campsites, damage bridges and culverts, and create sinkholes in roads.
- Postpone recreational on-stream activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rafting and "inner tubing" as fast-flowing, debris-carrying water could make these activities extremely hazardous.
- Make sure you have waterproof clothing and footwear along with your emergency supply kit readily available. Your kit should contain enough food and water for a three-day period.
- Consider your family's health and safety needs. Wash your hands frequently with soap and clean water if you come in contact with floodwaters.
- Throw away food that has come in contact with floodwaters.
- Stay alert for areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a vehicle.
- Stay away from downed power lines. Report them to the utility company immediately.
- If unaffected by the flood, stay out of the flood area until local officials say it's safe to enter.
- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio and/or TV for weather announcements.