



Be Smart Be Prepared !

Prevent and Avoid Floods

BEFORE FLOODS

- Ignore rumours; Stay calm; Don't panic
- Keep your mobile phones charged for emergency communication; use SMS
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates
- Untie cattle/animals to ensure their safety
- Prepare an emergency kit with essential items for safety and survival
- Keep a First Aid kit with extra medication for snake bite and diarrhoea ready
- Keep your documents and valuables in water-proof bags

DURING FLOODS

- Don't drive through flooded areas
- Don't enter flood waters. In case you need to, wear suitable footwear
- Stay away from sewerage lines, gutters, drains, culverts, etc.
- Stay away from electric poles and fallen power lines to avoid electrocution
- Eat freshly cooked or dry food. Keep your food covered
- Drink boiled/chlorinated water
- Use disinfectants to keep your surroundings clean

AFTER FLOODS

- Do not allow children to play in or near flood waters
- Don't use any damaged electrical goods; get them checked
- Watch out for broken electric poles and wires, sharp objects and debris
- Do not eat food that has been in flood waters
- Use mosquito nets to prevent malaria
- Don't use toilet or tap water if water lines/sewage pipes are damaged

IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE :

- Raise furniture, appliances on beds and tables
- Put sandbags in the toilet bowl and cover all drain holes to prevent sewage back flow
- Turn off power and gas connection
- Take the emergency kit, first aid box and valuables with you
- Do not enter deep, unknown waters; use a stick to check water depth
- Come back home only when officials ask you to do so