

3 STEPS TO UNDERSTANDING SURFACE WATER FLOOD RISK

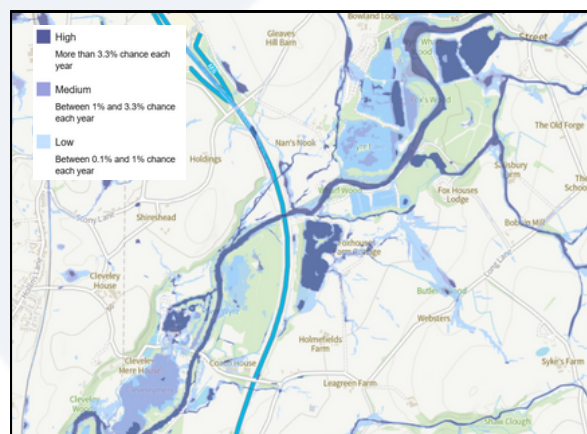
Over 3 million properties in England are at risk of surface water flooding. As urban areas expand and climate change leads to heavier, more intense rainfall, surface water flooding is an increasing threat, affecting more properties annually.

This type of flooding occurs when heavy rainfall overwhelms drainage systems and cannot soak into the ground, causing excess water to flow over land surfaces.

1. CHECK YOUR RISK

Check if you're at risk of surface water flooding and understand its potential impact on you.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>, enter your postcode, and view the surface water flood risk map. You can also explore other types of flood risks specific to your area.



2. SIGN UP TO MET OFFICE WARNINGS

If your flood risk is solely from surface water, you may not be eligible for Environment Agency flood warnings. Instead, sign up for Met Office weather warnings, which alert you to heavy rainfall that can often lead to surface water flooding. Subscribe to email alerts here:

<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMETOFFICE/subscriber/new>.

3. TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR RISK

- Make sure your insurance covers flood risk. Take a look at the Flood Re scheme if you are struggling to find affordable household flood insurance cover - www.floodre.co.uk.
- Create a flood plan so you are prepared to take action if flooding occurs.
- Take a look at property flood resilience (PFR) options which can help to protect your property.
- If flooding occurs, be sure to report the incident to the correct authority as this will help them to respond and investigate.

