

Your community could be at risk of flash flooding



Stay safe. Do you know what to do?

Extreme flash flooding is dangerous and can happen very quickly. The effects can be devastating.

It occurs in areas where rivers are very responsive to heavy rainfall and can cause flooding before flood warnings are issued.

Knowing what to do in a flood can significantly reduce the risk to life, property and possessions. Would you know what to do?



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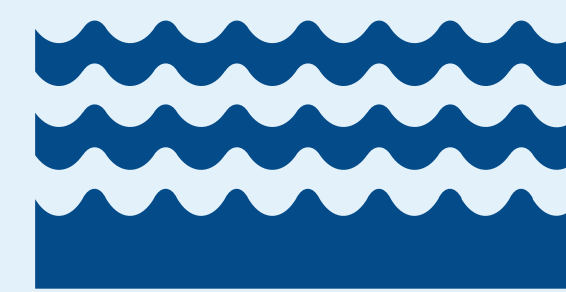
What are the signs of flash flooding?



The localised nature and speed of flash flooding means that it can occur before flood warnings are issued. Therefore, it is important that you are able to spot the signs:



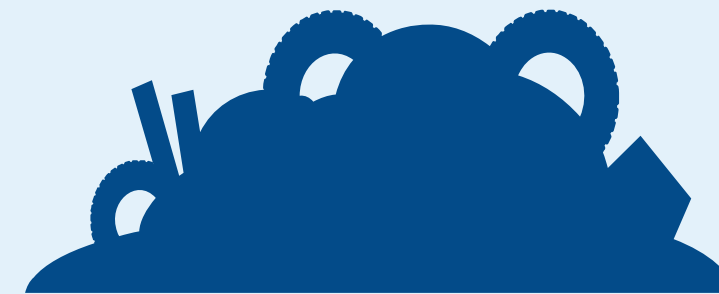
Heavy rain and/or **severe weather** reports



Rising river levels, with **dark churning water**



Rainfall not draining away, leading to surface water flooding



A build-up of debris in rivers, which could give way and cause a wave of water to surge

Check your flood risk and sign up for warnings
at <https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk> or **call Floodline** on 0345 988 1188



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What can you do to prepare for flash flooding?



Due to the speed of flash flooding you need to take steps to prepare for flooding in advance so that you can respond quickly and calmly when it happens.



Create a **flood plan** and assemble a **flood kit** –
<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/household/#household-flood-plans>



Plan to shelter on higher ground or in a building that is at least two-storey



Follow advice from emergency services



Do not walk or drive through flood water. Call 999 if you are stranded

Visit The Flood Hub to find out more about preparing for flash flooding

<https://thefloodhub.co.uk/flash-flooding/>



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