

Shelter-in-Place for Flooding/Flash Flooding

If told not to evacuate or it is too late to evacuate

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods may develop slowly or quickly without warning. Flash flood is due to an extreme volume of water in a short period caused by heavy rainfall, a levee or dam failure, or a sudden release of water by a debris or ice jam.

Take Additional Safety Measures

Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

If trapped in a building by flooding, go to the highest level of the building. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.

Use a generator or other gasoline- powered machinery ONLY outdoors and away from windows.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions.

If you are in a **Manufactured or Mobile Home**



If the floodwaters rise to a **dangerous level**, get on the roof and call 911.



Take your **go-bag** and critical documents with you (for SIP and evacuation)

If you are in a **1- or 2-Story Building** May have an attic and/or basement



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Do not go into the attic; you could become trapped.



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If you are in a **Multistory Building** Includes schools, apartments, and offices



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How long to shelter-in-place?



If safe, stay inside until local authorities provide other instructions.

If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

- Do not drive around barricades.
- Stay off bridges over fast moving water. Turn around. Don't drown.
- If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay inside. If water is rising inside the vehicle, get on the roof and call 911.



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