

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN A FLOOD



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- ### Can You Identify the Hazards of a Flood?
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| 1. Downed Power Lines | 6. Cracks and Holes |
| 2. Mosquitoes | 7. Deep Water |
| 3. Loose Animals | 8. Gas Leak |
| 4. Wild Animals | 9. Chemicals |
| 5. Debris | 10. Sewage Overflow |

Why Flooding Can Be Dangerous:

- Power lines may have been knocked down during a storm. Don't touch the power lines because they may still have electricity and could hurt you.
- Insects, especially mosquitoes, like ponds of water. When you are near the floodwater, they could bite you.
- Animals may have gotten lost or carried away during the flood. These animals could be dangerous. If you see dead animals, do not touch them.
- Floodwater is full of germs that can make you sick or cause infections. Disinfect anything that touched floodwater and wash your hands a lot.
- Floodwater can carry large objects with it. Don't go into floodwater to pick items up. Some objects could be sharp or dangerous.
- The water may be deeper than you think, so don't play in any puddles or streams. Flooding can also cause cracks and holes in the ground.
- Moving water is dangerous. Just six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- A storm or flood can break gas lines, causing a gas leak near your house. Tell an adult immediately if you smell gas around your house.

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Fill in the Blank Activity - Ways to Stay Safe in a Flood

Word Bank: Hands, Flood, Disinfect, Animals, Adult, Contaminated, Germs, Sick, Bug Spray, Protective

- Stay out of the floodwater. It can be dangerous and _____ can make you sick or cause infections.
- Apply _____ before going outside.
- Stay away from wild _____. Tell an adult if you see one on the loose.
- Tell an adult if you get hurt or feel _____ after being in floodwater.
- _____ toys before playing with them. Throw away toys or items that absorbed water and can't be disinfected.
- Wear _____ gear (rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles) when going outside.
- Wash your _____ frequently with soap and warm water.
- Keep _____ clothes separate from your clean clothes. Make sure they are washed with hot water to get rid of germs.
- Tell an _____ if you hear a hissing noise or feel sick. This could be a gas leak near your home.
- If there is a possibility of a _____, help your family move important things to an upper floor of your house.