

Resources

Top tips for protecting against floods



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Is your business prepared for the chaos a flood can cause? From waterlogged premises to halted operations, the impact can be severe.

But don't worry, you can help minimise damage and recover more swiftly with these simple tips.

Be prepared

Plan ahead

Evaluate the property and create a flood emergency response plan. Ensure your team knows how to access and activate it.

Stay Updated

Keep abreast of the latest in flood protection to help ensure your measures are effective.

Protect your space

Use waterproof sealants and materials on non-return valves in drainage and wastewater systems.





Get ready

Move your items

Move vehicles to higher ground | Elevate heavy electronics on bricks | Anchor fuel tanks to prevent floating | Unplug electronics and power down machinery | Store important paperwork, tools and furniture on upper floors | Secure or remove outdoor items that could float

Safety first

Protect your property by turning off gas, electricity and water at the mains | Close flow valves on gas and oil tanks | Fit a temporary toilet pan seal to keep floodwaters at bay

Secure your premises

Lock down flood barriers on doors, windows and airbricks |
Keep internal doors open or safely store them upstairs |
If water rises above a metre, let it in to avoid structural damage | Seal external doors and low windows with silicone, then lock them tight for a watertight defence

Help others

Let your neighbours know to take action |
Pause incoming deliveries and ensure your shipments are sent out before the waters rise



Protecting people

Only authorised personnel should enter the work premises when it's safe | Ensure your team has a secure evacuation spot ready | Keep off-site staff informed about the situation | Avoid floodwater - it could be contaminated | Follow emergency services' guidance



Remember

Never walk or drive through water. Just six inches can sweep you off your feet and a foot can float a car! Hidden dangers like dislodged manhole covers may lurk beneath.



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