

# Driving In Flood Waters

**PREPARE,  
TAKE ACTION,  
RECOVER**

## Plan your trip ahead to ensure you are safe from floodwaters

Driving on roads during or after a flood is extremely hazardous. Roads may be damaged, bridges destroyed and communities may be isolated by flood waters for days, weeks or months.

Review your travel plans if the area you are travelling through has experienced recent flooding.

### When driving through flood affected areas **YOU MUST**

- Obey road closures and check road conditions
- Not drive into water of unknown depth and current
- Use a recommended route and do not hurry
- Stay away from waterways and storm water drains

If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it immediately and go to higher ground

**The majority of flood-related deaths in Australia are a result of people entering floodwaters on foot, in vehicles and boats.**

Floodwater can contain rubbish, snakes, dead animals, sewage and other contaminants. Avoid entering flood waters. If you must, always wear solid shoes and enter only when you have checked the depth and current. Stay away from all water, drains and culverts over knee-deep.

### For road and weather conditions

- Listen to ABC or local radio
- Contact Main Roads on **138 138** or visit [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au)
- BoM Weather and Flood Warning Service on **1300 659 213** or visit [www.bom.gov.au/wa](http://www.bom.gov.au/wa)



**Dry river beds and crossings can be affected by flash flooding**

Keep your **Emergency and Relocation Kits** with you.

Emergency and Relocation Kit information can be found on Cyclone and Flood Safety **factsheets 2 & 3**.

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact **DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816**



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