



Flood checklist

Get ready, have a plan, know what to do...

Taking the time to plan for emergencies helps you think more clearly, have a greater sense of control, and make better decisions when an emergency happens.

□ Make sure you'll receive warnings and emergency information in Victoria

- Install the VicEmergency App and create a Watch Zone.
- Use emergency.vic.gov.au for all hazards, all emergencies.
- Note the VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226.
- Note your local Emergency Broadcaster e.g. ABC Radio.
- **Find local flood information**
- Find Local Flood Guides for most flood prone communities at ses.vic.gov.au.
- Connect with neighbours, other locals, or your local SES Unit to learn about past floods.

□ Plan and prepare

- Install the Red Cross Get Prepared Smart phone app and follow the steps, or complete the Australian Red Cross RediPlan booklet at redcross.org.au/prepare.
- Keep an emergency kit with enough supplies for three days during an emergency.
- This includes food, water, protective gloves, masks, medications and prescriptions, first aid and personal hygiene items, a waterproof torch, toilet paper, chargers, battery powered radio, batteries, reading glasses, essentials for babies and pets, spare clothing, and comfort items.

□ Take action to reduce impacts at your property

- Keep gutters and drains clear of debris.
- Check your building and contents insurance. What type of flooding does it cover?
- Put your most valuable possessions up high, above possible floodwater height.
- Backup important files and documents to a USB kept elsewhere, or to cloud storage.
- Identify higher ground on your property or further away from the danger area.
- Learn about sandbagging at ses.vic.gov.au.
- Consider storing sand and sandbags at home ahead of time, especially if you live in a flood prone area.

□ When a flood emergency happens

- Monitor VicEmergency warnings and information.
- Never drive through floodwater – this is the number one cause of fatalities in floods. It can take as little as 15cm of floodwater to float a small car.
- Watch what is happening around you and activate your plan.
- **Bag it, block it, lift it, and leave** – see over page.
- Take your emergency kit and identification.
- If you are impacted, register at the Relief Centre or with your local council to get the help you need.
- Monitor VicEmergency for when it's safe to return and for recovery information.



Download the VicEmergency app

Visit: emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare

Or download the app from:



Home emergency kit

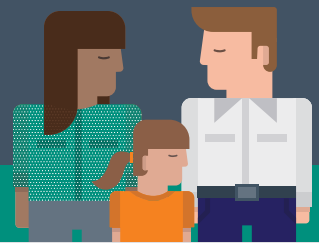
 Emergency plan	 Radio	 Torch
 Spare batteries	 Documents & records	 First aid kit
 Long life food	 Safe drinking water	 Gloves



Emergency kit



Plan to stay dry



Check how high

Download the VicEmergency app or call

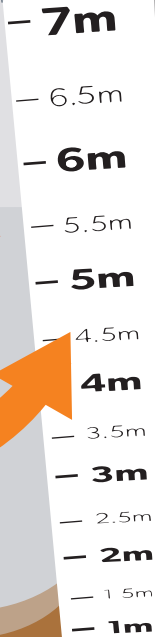
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FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY

Go to ses.vic.gov.au
and download your
local flood guide



Flood Gauge



Major



Moderate



Minor



Know what to do

Bag it

With sandbags



Plastic
Sheeting

Block it

Toilets, bath and
all drain holes

Place sandbags in
plastic bags to cover
drainage holes



Lift it

Furniture and
valuables



and leave



Turn off the gas and electricity

Never drive in floodwater