

Flood Risks

Did you know?



• According to FEMA, flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States

• Every home in the United States is located in a flood zone! All 50 states are subject to flash floods

• A car can be carried away by as little as 2 feet of water

• As few as six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, and may cause a loss of control and stalling

Conditions that can lead to flooding:



- ◆ Heavy rainfall
- ◆ Heavy snow melt
- ◆ Hurricanes, monsoons, cyclones, tsunamis or high tides
- ◆ Levees that overflow
- ◆ Outdated or poorly maintained drainage systems

Flood Preparation Tips



Pay close attention any time the National Weather Service issues a Flood / Flash Flood Watch or Warning covering areas served by your nonprofit



Train your staff to evacuate at a moment's notice, steer clear of floodwaters, and know how to navigate to higher waters



Consider stocking your facilities with supplies recommended by the American Red Cross [www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood]

Flood Safety Resources



Learn how to prepare, respond and recover at: www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood



Learn about the "Pledge to Prepare" and read about special flood topics, such as spring flooding and driving risks at: www.ready.gov/floods



Learn more about flood-hazard maps and flood insurance options at: www.floodsmart.gov