

# GET READY FLOODING SAFETY TIPS

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## BEFORE THE FLOOD

PREPARE EARLY



### Prepare a 'Go Bag'

with non-perishable food, water, medicines, clothing, flashlights, batteries, cash, and important documents (passports, IDs, land papers) in a waterproof container.



### Know your evacuation routes

and safe shelters in your area. Plan how your family will stay in touch if separated.



### Secure your home and property

- ▶ Safeguard important document in waterproof containers
- ▶ Elevate electronics, and valuables off the floor, place larger appliances and furniture on concrete blocks.
- ▶ Place sandbags or barriers around doors and low-lying entryways.



### Protect your vehicle

Move your car to higher ground. Avoid parking near trees, power lines, or flood-prone areas.



### Stay informed

Monitor local radio, television, or official social media pages for weather alerts and instructions.



### REMEMBER

Flooding can happen quickly—being prepared saves lives. Stay alert, stay informed, and stay safe.

## DURING THE FLOOD

STAY ALERT AND SAFE



**Do not walk, drive, or swim** through floodwaters — even shallow water can sweep you away or hide hazards like live wires or debris.



**Turn off your main breaker** and disconnect gas lines before leaving your home, if it's safe to do so.



**Move to higher ground immediately** if flooding starts or worsens.



**Follow evacuation orders** issued by authorities without delay.



**Keep communication devices charged** and emergency contacts on hand.

## AFTER THE FLOOD

RETURN CAUTIOUSLY



Only return home once **authorities confirm it's safe**.



**Do not switch on electricity** until your home has been inspected by a qualified professional.



**Document all damage** to your property and belongings with photos before cleaning.



**Clean and disinfect** all surfaces, furniture, and clothing that came into contact with floodwater — it may be contaminated.



**Check your car** for water damage before driving. If the engine or interior was submerged, have it inspected before use.



**Seek help** from your local disaster office or community centre if you need assistance with repairs, relief, or insurance.



## GET READY | Our Campaign

Get Ready's Campaign educates and empowers Bahamians to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including those from natural hazards and disasters. Get Ready asks individuals to do three key things: **get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and appropriate responses.**

Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive several days if an emergency occurs. This list of emergency supply kit items is only a starting point. It is important that individuals review this list and consider the unique needs of their family, including pets, for items to include.

Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



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