



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](https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au): for all hazards, all emergencies
- Note the VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226
- Note your local Emergency Broadcaster eg. ABC Radio 97.7FM/106.5FM

Find local flood information

- Find Local Flood Guides for most flood prone communities at [ses.vic.gov.au/getready](https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/getready)
- Connect with neighbours, other locals, or your local SES Unit to learn about past floods.
- Contact your Catchment Management Authority (CMA) for localised flood information [floodvictoria.vic.gov.au/prepare-prevent/risks](https://www.floodvictoria.vic.gov.au/prepare-prevent/risks) (Select from map of CMAs)

Plan and Prepare

- Install the Red Cross Get Prepared Smartphone app and follow the steps or complete the Australian Red Cross RediPlan booklet at [redcross.org.au/prepare](https://www.redcross.org.au/prepare)
- Keep a emergency kit – with enough for 3 days in an emergency.
- 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, especially for children and people with a disability.
- COVID-Normal* don't forget sanitiser, soap and face coverings.

Take action to reduce impacts at your property

- Keep gutters and drains clear of debris, outdoor furniture, toys etc.
- 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/get-ready](https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/get-ready)
- Consider buying 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 No.1 killer in floods. It takes just 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 *Plan to Stay Dry* over page
- Take your emergency kit and identification eg. Drivers licence, passport
- 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](https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare)

Or download the app from:



Home emergency kit

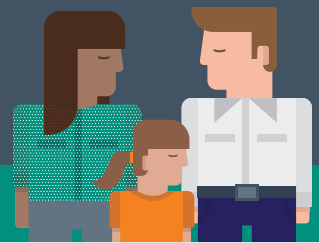
 Emergency plan	 Radio	 Torch
 Spare batteries	 Documents & records	 First aid kit
 Long life food	 Safe drinking water	 Gloves



Emergency kit



Plan to stay dry



Check how high

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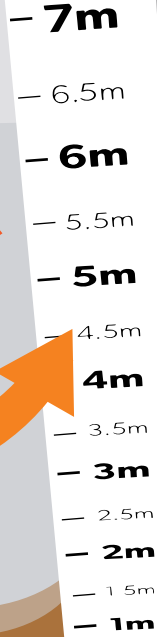
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or
132 500
FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY

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