



Each year more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other severe weather hazard. The Centers for Disease Control report that more than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near floodwaters.

Follow these safety rules:



If flooding occurs, get to higher ground—stay away from flood-prone areas, including dips, low spots, valleys, ditches, washes, etc.



Avoid flooded areas or those with rapid water flow—do not attempt to cross a flowing stream, it takes only 6 inches of fast-flowing water to sweep you off your feet



Don't allow children to play near high water, storm drains or ditches—hidden dangers could lie beneath the water



Flooded roads could have significant damage hidden by floodwaters—NEVER drive through floodwaters or on flooded roads, most vehicles can float away in only 2 feet of water



Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washouts, particularly when threatening conditions exist



Be especially cautious when driving at night as it is harder to recognize flood dangers



Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or your local media for vital weather-related information

GMR encourages everyone to be safe and follow The National Weather Service's warning message, "Turn Around, Don't Drown®."