

CHECKLIST

FLOOD EVACUATION

Flooding is the most common and costly disaster in the United States, and the severity of floods is increasing. Follow these important steps during and after a flood evacuation to keep yourself and your family safe.

Floods can be unpredictable, developing slowly or quickly. Flash floods can erupt without warning. Being prepared and knowing how to respond to a flood can help minimize damage and maximize protection for you, your family and property. Failing to evacuate flooded areas or entering flood waters can lead to injury or death. Remember, just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down; 1 foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Never walk, swim or drive through flood waters.

DURING A FLOOD

Take precautions and pay attention to weather alerts and updates. Follow directions from local authorities.

- Keep your radio on to find out what areas are affected, what roads are safe, where to go and what to do if the local emergency team asks you to leave your home.
- Keep your emergency kit nearby in a portable container such as a duffel bag, backpack or suitcase with wheels.
- Do not walk or drive through flood waters. It could be deeper than you think with hidden hazards below the waters. Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood danger.
- Keep children and pets away from flood waters.
- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.

If you need to evacuate:

- Vacate your home when you are advised to do so by local emergency authorities. Ignoring such a warning could jeopardize the safety of your family or those who might eventually have to come to your rescue.
- Shut all windows, doors (interior and exterior), fireplace dampers and other openings (such as doggy doors).
- Take your wallet/purse, personal identification for each family member and copies of essential family documents (i.e. passports, birth certificate, social security card, etc.).
- Take a cell phone and charger.
- Ensure that you have contact information for any/all pertinent parties (e.g., your HUB advisor, your carrier, neighbors, authorities, etc.). Certain governmental authorities have smartphone applications or websites used to track evacuee status.
- Take any essential medications or medical devices for your family.
- Depending on how fast the evacuation happens, you may have time to pack a small bag of toiletries and clothes. If time permits, also be sure to take enough basic supplies with you to last 72 hours (this includes food, water and other essentials, such as a first aid kit).
- Follow instructions from local authorities. They will not only provide you with recommendations on which evacuation routes to take, but also let you know when it is safe to return home.
- Make arrangements for pets.
- Time permitting, leave a note informing others when you left and where you went. If you have a mailbox, leave the note there.

CRISIS RESOURCES

Be prepared. Know how to respond.

Severe weather, natural disasters and other catastrophic events can cause serious havoc — including property damage, physical injury, emotional trauma, liability claims and even the loss of life. It's important to be prepared so you can protect what matters most and recover as quickly as possible.

HUB Private Client is here to help. Visit HUB Crisis Resources for guides, tips, checklists and other information to help you prepare and respond to potentially destructive events like flood, hurricane and wildfire.

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Speak to a HUB Private Client risk advisor for additional tips and ask how we can help design and secure flood coverage that meets your specific needs.

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