

FLOOD SAFETY

What causes a flood?

A flood is caused when there is a heavy storm or too much rain falls. Floods are dangerous because the water spills onto the land and enters houses and buildings.

Sea water floods are caused from strong winds that blow across the sea and make huge waves that flow onto the land and flood seaside areas.



What must you do if there is a flood nearby?

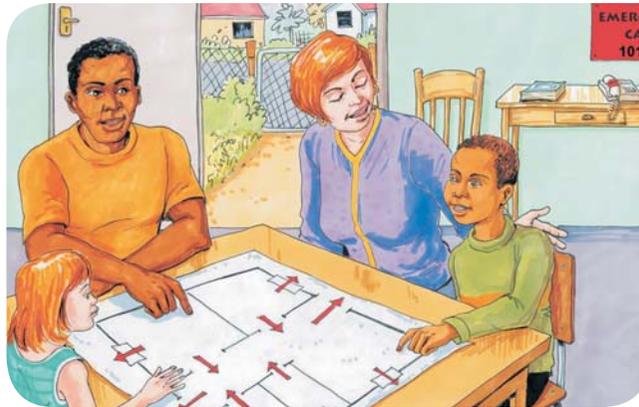
- Head for higher ground and stay away from the flood.
- Listen to the instructions of emergency services when there's a flood.
- Listen to your radio for instructions and information.

Be Careful

- **Never** try to walk, swim, drive or play in floodwater.
- **Do not cross** any bridges during a flood.
- Beware of snakes and other dangerous animals in floodwater.

Have an Emergency Plan

Families should sit together and work out an escape route in case there is a fire or flood near or in your home. Remember to decide on a safe spot to meet outside in case of an emergency. **Memorise the Emergency numbers.**



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FIRE AND FLOOD AWARENESS STAY ALERT DON'T GET HURT

I am **Gerry the Giraffe** and my long neck helps me to see danger far away.



We are teaching you how to stay safe. You must always be aware of your environment so that we can prevent fires and prepare for floods **BETTER TOGETHER.**



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FIRE SAFETY

What causes a fire?



- Candle is knocked over in the home.
- Open fires and paraffin stoves that are not supervised by an adult.
- Fires begin easier and spread quicker in summer because it is hot, dry and windy.

What must you do if you catch on fire?



Why must you do this?

Fires live on oxygen. If you suffocate the fire it won't be able to live.

What must you do if your house is on fire?



Drop to your hands and knees and crawl out of the nearest window or door. Phone the Emergency number when you are safe.

Why must you do this?

There will be less smoke on the ground as smoke rises and breathing in the smoke will cause you to cough.

Important

- Only let an adult handle paraffin.
- Keep a bucket of sand ready to put out small fires before they spread.
- If you are burnt, cool the burn with cold water.
- If there is no way out, signal from a window with a towel or sheet and call the fire brigade.

Stay Safe

- Don't ever go back into a burning house to fetch a pet or anything else.
- Don't play with matches or lighters. They can start fires and people can be hurt.
- Don't play with electrical cords.

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