



Flood Myths



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- 1.** *Myth:* SUVs, pickups and other large vehicle are safe to drive through floodwaters.
Fact: Just two feet of water can float most vehicles and, if the water is moving quickly, vehicles can be swept away. If you come to a flooded road, turn around and go another way.
- 2.** *Myth:* Flash floods only occur near streams and rivers.
Fact: Flash floods also occur in areas where no streams are present, even urban areas.
- 3.** *Myth:* You can walk through floodwaters as long as the water is not too deep.
Fact: Always avoid floodwaters. Just six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off your feet. If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, stop, turn around and go another way.

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