



Flood Safety Tips

- A **Flash Flood Watch** means a flood is possible in your area. A **Flash Flood Warning** means a flood is already occurring or will occur very soon. Only the National Weather Service can declare a watch or a warning.

- In the event of a major storm that may cause isolated flooding, it is safer to stay where you are and wait for the storm to end. **Do not** attempt to **drive** through flooded streets.

- If you are driving and are caught in a major storm, consider pulling over to a location higher than the street and **wait out** the **storm**. Intense summer storms in Southern Nevada are usually over within a couple of hours.

- **Never drive** through a **flooded roadway** or around barricades. Roads underneath may be damaged and impassable. Driving around barricades is against the law.

- If your car stalls, only you can decide if staying with the vehicle is safe. Swift moving water only inches deep can sweep you off your feet and result in drowning.

- **Half of all flood-related deaths are caused by people attempting to drive through moving water.** Swift moving floodwater can sweep away cars. Larger vehicles, such as trucks and SUVs, may be more likely to float because large tires increase the buoyancy of the vehicle.

- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize the dangers of flash floods, such as the depth and speed of the water.

- Do not let children or pets play in or near flood water or flood control facilities during a storm event. Flood water can move up to 30 mph and is filled with hazardous materials such as chemicals, oil, pet waste, and other debris. **Stay out of flood channels and detention basins.** Water can rise as quickly as one foot per minute.

- **Stay out of standing water.** The dirty water can disguise hazards below the surface, such as deep holes and dangerous debris.

- Do not camp or park your vehicle near washes or channels. **Flash floods** occur very quickly and **can be deadly.**

- Listen to the radio or television or check out social media for additional information as weather conditions change and new reports are received.

- Even if your home is not located in a designated flood zone, severe flooding can still occur in your area. Talk to your insurance agent about **flood insurance**, which is available to everyone regardless of whether you live in a flood zone or not.

- Remember, more deaths occur in floods than any other weather-related disaster!

Check the Regional Flood Control District's website, www.regionalflood.org, and click **Rainfall Maps** for real time rainfall and weather information at approximately 200 locations around Clark County. The site also includes current information about flood zones and flood insurance.

Check out our social media pages for more flash flood safety tips!



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