

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND YOUR VEHICLE IN WATER

- Remain calm and focus on the situation at hand.
- Unbuckle your seatbelt and then unbuckle your children. If you are unable to remove a seatbelt use your car escape tool to cut the seatbelt.
- You will want to open the window as soon as you hit the water.
- You only have a few seconds to get the door open. Once the vehicle has started to sink it is near impossible to open the door.
- If you are unable to roll the window down, use an emergency escape tool to shatter the window
- Look to children first. Heave them out the window and up toward the surface as best you can.
- Swim out through the window and to safety.

REMEMBER

- The single worst decision you can make in a flood is driving your vehicle into floodwaters of unknown depth.
- It's easy to misjudge the depth of floodwater, particularly at night.
- Beware when crossing a bridge or road covered by floodwater, it could be completely washed out.
- Do not take anything heavy or unnecessary with you when you escape.
- Everything is unnecessary in this situation except your life and the lives of those around you.
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Emergency 999 / 112 / 911

Police Non-Emergency

For General Information, Contact Your Local Police Station



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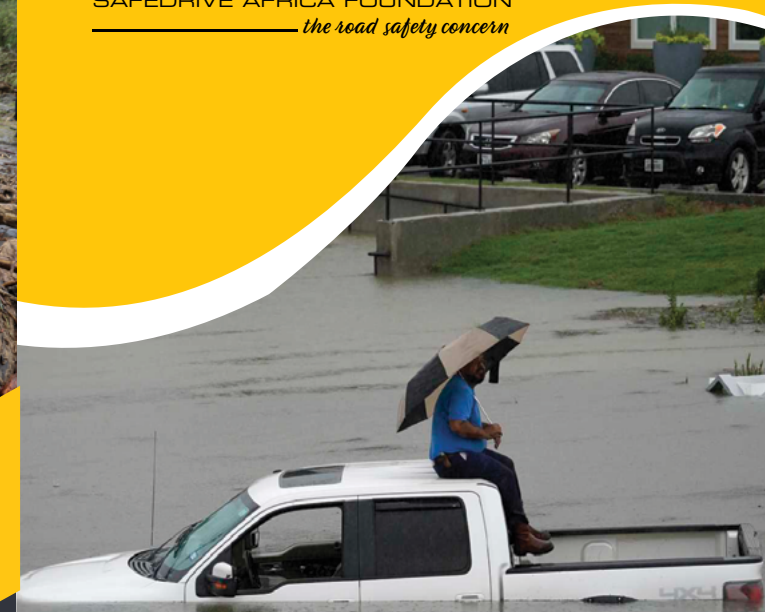
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The most common type of all-natural hazards is FLOODING! This is particularly true for Kenya. Being prepared is a vital step toward protecting your life.

Most flood-related deaths and injuries could be avoided if people followed this simple advice: More than 50% of flood-related deaths are due to someone driving or walking into floodwaters.

- 6 inches of fast-moving water can knock adults off their feet and sweep them away.
- 12 inches of moving water can carry off a small car.
- 18 to 24 inches of moving water can carry away larger vehicles including trucks, vans and SUVs.

If you come to an area that is covered with water, you may not know the depth of the water or the condition of the road or ground underneath. This is especially true at night, when your vision is more limited. Play it safe. Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded area.

BEFORE CHANGE OF WEATHER

- **Stay informed:** Visit www.meteo.go.ke or tune into your local news for the latest forecast.
- **Determine whether your home, school or work is in an area likely to flood.**
- **Learn which roadways are likely to flood and find an alternative route so you can avoid them.**
- **Create a communications plan so your family will know how to connect during an emergency.**
- **Assemble an emergency kit.**
- **Prepare for possible evacuation. Pack your bags and include items for your pets so you are ready to leave at a moment's notice.**
- **Charge all essential electronics.**
- **If it is not necessary to leave your home or place of employment, DON'T!**
- **Keep your emergency escape tool easily accessible and within reach at all times.**
- **Be Proactive: Leave before the flooding starts to avoid getting stranded.**



DURING BAD WEATHER

- **Stay informed:** Tune into your local news for updates on flooding in progress.
- **Get to higher ground** if you are in an area that is subject to flooding.
- **Follow evacuation orders and heed warning signs.**
- **If you have time before you evacuate, disconnect utilities and appliances.**
- **Avoid floodwaters:** It is NEVER safe to drive or walk through them
- **If you find yourself submerged in water, DO NOT use your cell phone.**
- **You have approximately 30 seconds to one minute to get out of your vehicle before it submerges. Time is Critical.**

AFTER CHANGE OF WEATHER

- **Stay informed:** Tune into your local news for updates on affected areas and the safety of your drinking water.
- **Avoid floodwaters:** Standing water can hide chemicals that can make you sick, power lines that can cause electrocution and sharp debris that can seriously harm you.
- **Avoid disaster areas:** Your presence may hamper emergency operations.
- **Heed road closure and cautionary signs.**
- **Wait for the "all-clear" before returning to an area that was impacted by flooding.**
- **Contact your family and loved ones to let them know you are okay.**

