



# Flood checklist

*Get ready, have a plan, know what to do...*

**Taking the time to plan for emergencies helps you think more clearly, have a greater sense of control, and make better decisions when an emergency happens.**

## Make sure you'll receive warnings and emergency information in Victoria

- Install the VicEmergency App and create a Watch Zone.
- Use [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au) for all hazards, all emergencies.
- Note the VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226.
- Note your local Emergency Broadcaster e.g. ABC Radio.
- **Find local flood information**
- Find Local Flood Guides for most flood prone communities at [ses.vic.gov.au](http://ses.vic.gov.au).
- Connect with neighbours, other locals, or your local SES Unit to learn about past floods.

## Plan and prepare

- Install the Red Cross Get Prepared Smart phone app and follow the steps, or complete the Australian Red Cross RediPlan booklet at [redcross.org.au/prepare](http://redcross.org.au/prepare).
- Keep an emergency kit with enough supplies for three days during an emergency.
- This includes food, water, protective gloves, masks, medications and prescriptions, first aid and personal hygiene items, a waterproof torch, toilet paper, chargers, battery powered radio, batteries, reading glasses, essentials for babies and pets, spare clothing, and comfort items.

## Take action to reduce impacts at your property

- Keep gutters and drains clear of debris.
- Check your building and contents insurance. What type of flooding does it cover?
- Put your most valuable possessions up high, above possible floodwater height.
- Backup important files and documents to a USB kept elsewhere, or to cloud storage.
- Identify higher ground on your property or further away from the danger area.
- Learn about sandbagging at [ses.vic.gov.au](http://ses.vic.gov.au).
- Consider storing sand and sandbags at home ahead of time, especially if you live in a flood prone area.

## When a flood emergency happens

- Monitor VicEmergency warnings and information.
- Never drive through floodwater – this is the number one cause of fatalities in floods. It can take as little as 15cm of floodwater to float a small car.
- Watch what is happening around you and activate your plan.
- **Bag it, block it, lift it, and leave** – see over page.
- Take your emergency kit and identification.
- If you are impacted, register at the Relief Centre or with your local council to get the help you need.
- Monitor VicEmergency for when it's safe to return and for recovery information.



Download the VicEmergency app

Visit: [emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare](http://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare)

Or download the app from:



### Home emergency kit

 Emergency plan	 Radio	 Torch
 Spare batteries	 Documents & records	 First aid kit
 Long life food	 Safe drinking water	 Gloves

  
**Emergency kit**



# Plan to stay dry



## Check how high

Download the VicEmergency app or call

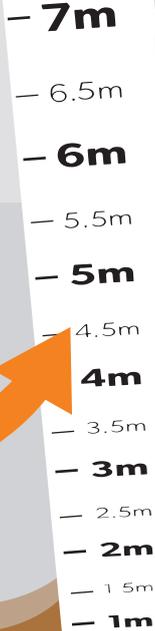
VicEmergency hotline  
**1800 226 226**  
emergency.vic.gov.au

**132 500**  
FLOOD STORM  
EMERGENCY

Go to [ses.vic.gov.au](http://ses.vic.gov.au)  
and download your  
local flood guide



### Flood Gauge



### Major



### Moderate



### Minor



## Know what to do

### Bag it

With sandbags



Plastic  
Sheeting

### Block it

Toilets, bath and  
all drain holes

Place sandbags in  
plastic bags to cover  
drainage holes



### Lift it

Furniture and  
valuables



### and leave



Turn off the gas and electricity



Never drive in floodwater