

## SES Flood Advice

Floods can be dangerous and unpredictable and can impact quickly. Here are some tips that can help you stay safe during a flood.

- When there's a SES flood warning, check your emergency plan and kit straight away.
- Block toilets and drains with sandbags to prevent sewage backflow.
- Put electrical items and valuables on benches and tables.
- Secure objects that might float and cause damage
- It's important to check that your neighbours are prepared as well, it won't hurt to ask.
- Don't forget your pets, make sure they're safe too.
- Stay alert and check local media for updates and advice.
- If you must leave, know where you'll go to safety and how to get there. Review your plans and be prepared to act early as roads may be closed or blocked. Tell someone where you're going.
- Remember, driving, riding or walking through floodwater can be dangerous and even deadly. It can be deeper than you think, hiding damaged roads and debris. Floodwater can hide broken glass, chemicals, sewage, and even spiders and snakes. You don't know what you can't see.
- Once you've been advised its safe to return, check your home for damage and if necessary, get professional help. Keep the electricity and gas off until checked by a professional, and only use a torch to light your way as there may be gas leaks.
- Be sure to take any photos of damage for any insurance claims.
- Once it's safe, clean your home as soon as you can to prevent the possibility of disease and infections, and be sure to wear protective clothing.

For more advice on flood preparation and how to prepare your emergency kit, visit the SES website at [ses.sa.gov.au](http://ses.sa.gov.au).