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Floodwater is dangerous:

- Six inches of fast flowing water can knock you over.
- Two feet of water will float your car.
- Flooding can cause manhole covers to come off, leaving hidden dangers.
- Don't walk or drive through flood water.
- Don't let children play in flood water.
- Don't walk on sea defences or riverbanks.
- When water levels are high be aware that bridges may be dangerous to walk or drive over.
- Culverts are dangerous when flooded.
- Look out for other hazards such as fallen power lines and trees.
- Wash your hands thoroughly if you touch floodwater as it may be contaminated.

For more information:

For the latest information and advice on river levels and flooding including how to prepare for a flood, visit:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Or call the Environment Agency Floodline on **0345 988 1188** (or quickdial **138222**)

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Simple steps to stay safe during a flood:

- Listen to and act on the advice of the Council and Emergency Services.
- Put people before property. Move your family and pets upstairs, with a means of escape.
- Gather essential items e.g. water, blankets, a torch, first aid kit, essential medication, food, baby products, and put them out of the way of flood water to keep dry.
- Listen to local radio for updates or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.
- Put plugs in sinks and baths. Weigh them down with a sandbag/ pillowcase or plastic bag filled with garden soil, or heavy object to avoid water backing up through drains into sinks and toilets.
- Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies when flood water is about to enter your home if safe to do so. DO NOT touch sources of electricity when standing in flood water.
- Flood water can rise quickly, stay calm and reassure those around you. Call 999 if you are in danger.

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