



Flash Flooding: "Turn Around, Don't Drown!"



Turn around, don't drown. These four simple words have the potential to save lives. Recent weather and inclement conditions across Texas have demonstrated that drivers often underestimate the power of floodwater. When there is water running across a road, drivers should always turn around and choose a different route.



Consider this important information before you head out on the roads this season:

- Six inches of water can cause tires to lose traction and begin to slide.
- Twelve inches of water can float many cars. Two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-up trucks, SUVs and most other vehicles.
- Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge.
- In flash floods, waters rises so rapidly that it may be far deeper by the time you are halfway across, trapping you in your vehicle.
- Flash floods are especially treacherous at night when it is very difficult to see how deep waters may be or how fast water is rising.
- Floodwater weakens roadbeds. Drivers should proceed cautiously after waters have receded since the road may collapse under the weight of the vehicle.

Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of safety."

