



Short Safety Subject

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Rains And Floods

In recent years, storms have become more intense and longer lasting. Flash floods, mud slides, high coastal surf, stream and creek flooding, snowstorms and avalanches have all occurred - claiming lives and damaging property. Here are some storm survival tips:

- Know your area's flood risk in relation to nearby streams, flood control channels, bays and other waterways. (Federal officials report that more than 25 percent of all flood damage nationwide are for structures outside identified flood plains.)
- Run water through the gutters to find any obstacles diverting water to your home.
- Secure items stored outside.
- Remove rotted trees, broken branches or branches too close to building so windows aren't broken.
- Inspect areas in your workplace and home that are subject to flooding. Identify records and equipment that can be moved to higher locations.
- Run water over your roof to find any leaks.
- Keep on hand materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber and shovels.
- Explore permanent flood proofing measures for your workplace and home including:
 - Filling windows, doors and other opening with water resistant materials.
 - Reinforcing walls to resist water pressure.
 - Building water walls around equipment and work areas that are susceptible to flooding.
 - Constructing floodwalls outside the facility to keep flood water away.
- Establish warning and evacuation procedures for the workplace and home
- Make advance plans for assisting employees or family members who may need transportation.
- Make sure all first aid kits are stocked.
- Have emergency food, water and supplies on the premises. (Same items you would have on hand for an earthquake.)