

Flood Safety Awareness

- Even in relatively shallow water, tires can act as floatation devices, lifting up big vehicles and sending them downstream. It takes only **two** feet of water to float a 3,000-pound car.
- Beware that water covering roadways may hide washed-out bridges or gouged-out roadbeds. If you attempt to drive across, you may not be driving on a road.
- In rainy weather, be alert and stay tuned to local radio or TV.
- If you are in a low-lying area when flooding is occurring, get to higher ground quickly. Be sure to avoid canyons and washes that can channel swift water.
- Do not attempt to cross-flooded roads or streams on foot. It can take as little as six inches of water to knock an adult off his or her feet. Furthermore, water may be flowing more rapidly than it appears.
- Never allow children to play in ditches and storm drains.
- During stormy weather, do not camp or park vehicles along streams or washes.

NIGHT DRIVING

- Flooded roads are especially dangerous at night. Saving your life and preserving your vehicle can be as simple as choosing a different route when you see water across a roadway. Night driving makes it especially difficult to judge water depth. Nearly eight of ten vehicles related flood fatalities in Texas occurred between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

“Turn around Don’t Drown”