



West Virginia Offices *of the* Insurance Commissioner

Be Careful Around Flood Waters *March 1, 2021*

Tips if you are in an area that has flooded or is under a flood warning:

- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. **Turn Around, Don't Drown!**
 - Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- If your car is trapped in rapidly moving water stay inside. If water is rising inside the car get on the roof.
- If trapped in a building, go to its highest level. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising floodwater. Only get on the roof if necessary and once there signal for help.
- Depending on the type of flooding:
 - Evacuate if told to do so.
 - Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
 - Stay where you are.

You may visit FEMA for more information: <https://www.ready.gov/floods>

Or call the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner Consumer Services Division at 1-888-879-9842 or visit our webpage at www.wvinsurance.gov .