

# YOU CAN DO **NOW TO PREPARE FOR FLOODS**























# Actions to take to prepare for floods

# 1. Know your risk

- Find out about the local flood history
- Check on the NSW SES website www.floodsafe.com.au to see if there is a FloodSafe guide or Local Flood Plan for your area
- Know the heights your area is affected by floods. Your local council may be able to provide you with specific information on how floods affect your property
- Talk to people who have lived in the area for a long time about the local flood risk
- Be aware of signs of flooding such as heavy rainfall and rushing or pooling water

#### 2. Know where to go

- Talk with friends and relatives about staying in a safe place outside flood affected areas
- Know the safest route to travel if you need to evacuate
- Never drive, ride or walk through floodwater

#### 3. Know who to call

- Keep a list of emergency numbers near your phone, on your mobile or on your fridge
- For emergency help in flood, storm and tsunami, call the NSW SES on 132 500
- In life-threatening emergencies, call 000 (triple zero)

#### 4. Know your plan

- Put together an Emergency Plan for your home or business at www.floodsafe.com.au
- Test your plan regularly, review it after floods and keep it up-to-date

## 5. Get your kit together

 Put together an emergency kit with a portable battery powered radio and torch, spare batteries, first aid kit, candles, waterproof matches, important papers, emergency plans, emergency contact numbers and a waterproof bag

#### 6. Prepare now to act early

- Talk to your local NSW SES members about being FloodSafe
- Know the triggers for what you need to do and where you need to go when it floods
- · Practice your emergency plan regularly
- Maintain a sufficient level of supplies if you live in an area likely to be isolated by floods
- · Know what to do if phone lines, water, electricity and gas are cut

### 7. Check your insurance

 If insurance is available, check the cover is adequate for where you live and make sure it is current

#### 8. Listen to local radio

• Listen to your local radio station for information and warnings of floods



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