

FLOODS: MESSAGES

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About the Message Library

People affected by disaster must have access to timely, appropriate and accurate information to help them keep themselves and their families safe and well. They should know their rights, entitlements and be able to give feedback. Responders have a duty to put in place appropriate, systematic and coordinated mechanisms to ensure this.

Our Message Library offers clear, concise and simple messages on a range of topics as templates for you to adapt and use in the context you are working in. These are intended to help you make a quick start on communicating with communities while you further develop mechanisms for on-going dialogue with diverse groups within each community.

For help contextualising and using the messages we recommend you do our e-learning course and read the following technical guidance.

E-learning

<https://kayaconnect.org/course/info.php?id=768>

Guidance

<https://www.cdacnetwork.org/tools-guidance/cdac-message-library-user-guidance>

Using jerrycans as flotation devices in floods

If water levels are rising very quickly, empty some of your jerrycans and teach your children to use them as flotation devices.

Keeping safe in floods (for children)

Stay away from low lying areas. Take care walking through flood water - you could get injured or drown. Do not drink from, play or swim in water left by floods. Do not play in caves left by floods. Avoid touching electrical wires or plugs that got wet during the floods.

Danger of flooding

At night you may not be able to see areas that have become flooded. Make sure that you and your family know how to reach high ground safely from your shelter/tent.

Why electrical wires are dangerous after floods

Avoid touching electrical wires or plugs that got wet during the floods. They can be very dangerous.

Snake alert after floods

Watch out for snakes after floods, especially around trees and bushes.

REFERENCES

For more information on this topic, we recommend you read the following references.

Please contact us if you have suggested references.

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If you would like to contribute to topic reviews, have found a message that needs greater clarity, or wish to create a new topic, please contact us at info@cdacnetwork.org.