Flood Safety and Awareness

- Hundreds of low water crossings across the Missouri Ozarks and extreme southeast Kansas are susceptible to flash floods. Be alert for flooded low water crossings and remember to “Turn Around - Don’t Drown”.

- Do not drive into flooded areas. It only takes a foot of water to lift your car or truck, flip it over and sweep it down stream. More than half of people killed in floods are in vehicles.

- Do not drive around a barricade. Barricades are there for your protection.

- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can knock you down.

- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams, rivers or creeks, particularly when thunderstorms are in or close to the area.

- Be especially cautious at night when the dangers of flash flooding are difficult to recognize.

- Children should never play around high water or storm drains. It is very easy to be swept away by fast moving water.

- Before flooding occurs be aware of flood prone areas where you live or along the routes you drive.

- A Flash Flood Watch means that flash flooding is possible in or near the watch area.

- A Flash Flood Warning means that flooding is occurring in the area or will be very soon.

- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio in good working order with you. Keep fresh batteries.

Flood Resources


Flood Ready - http://www.ready.gov/floods

NWS Flood Safety - http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov


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