



Flood Safety Awareness Week – March 18-22, 2013

Today's topic: **Turn Around Don't Drown.**

Turn Around Don't Drown, TADD for short, is a National Weather Service campaign used to educate people about the hazards of walking or driving a vehicle through flood waters.

<http://tadd.weather.gov/>

Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock over an adult. Also, it only takes twelve to eighteen inches of flowing water to carry away most vehicles including large SUV's. If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will likely not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true at night when your vision is more limited. Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded road, walkway or path, follow this simple rule: **Turn Around Don't Drown.**

Here are a few more tips to keep you safe during a flood:

- Always plan ahead and know the risks before flooding happens.
- Monitor NOAA's Weather Radio All Hazards, or your favorite news source, for vital weather-related information before, during and after any disaster including flooding.
- If flooding is expected or is occurring, get to higher ground if possible! Leave typical flood areas such as canyons, ditches, ravines, dips or low spots.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams.
- Never drive through flooded roadways. Road beds may be washed out under murky flood waters.
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- Never cross any barriers that are put in place by emergency officials. Not only is this dangerous, but many states and communities have laws against it.

Always play it safe, **Turn Around Don't Drown!**

Join us tomorrow for information on flood risk and flood insurance.

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