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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

For more information call the NSW SES on 1800 201 000 or visit www.floodsafe.com.au