



FloodSafe Fact Sheet

Return with Caution after an Evacuation

When the NSW SES issues a Return with Caution

- When floodwater falls to a safe level and engineers have inspected roads, bridges and public spaces the NSW SES will issue a **Return with Caution**.
- This means that residents that were evacuated can start to return to the area and to their homes and businesses.
- Flood damage and hazards may still be in the area and residents should take caution.
- Returning residents may be faced with loss or damage to property, assets and even animals. In such cases there may be assistance available.
- For rural animal and livestock assistance call the Department of Primary Industries on 1800 814 647.
- Service NSW is providing information and personalised post-flood disaster support and resources, financial assistance, and clean-up and relief packages advice. Call centre hours: 7am to 10pm on weekdays and 9am to 10pm on weekends on 13 77 88



Beware of dangers when returning to flood affected areas:

- ✓ Avoid contact with floodwater. Cuts and abrasions should be treated immediately.
- ✓ Local roads may remain closed due to flooding or flood damage. Always drive to the conditions and never drive through floodwater.
- ✓ Be aware of native wildlife, including snakes and spiders that may have taken refuge in your home.
- ✓ Never drink from taps or garden hoses that have been exposed to flood water. Have a supply of drinking water.
- ✓ Practise basic personal hygiene at all times, only use clean utensils and personal items.
- ✓ Never eat food that has been in contact with floodwater.

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