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# A SAFR way to deal with floods in Middle Beach

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Unsafe for people and vehicles. Buildings require special engineering design and construction.

Unsafe for people

and vehicles. All building types considered vulnerable

to failure.

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Unsafe for people and vehicles.

Unsafe for vehicles, children and the elderly.

Unsafe for small vehicles.

Generally safe for people, vehicles and buildings.

#### **HOW SAFE IS IT?**

The guide above shows flood depth and safety when water is flowing at less than 1 metre per second.



#### SECURE

When no flood warnings are current:

- Secure items that may move in a flood and clean up around your house.
- Make copies of important data and files, and keep them in a secure place.
- Prepare an evacuation kit for yourself, your family and your pets.
- Assess your physical ability to cope in a flood.
- Tell your family and friends what action you plan to take during a flood. Will you leave or will you stay? If you evacuate, where will you go?
- Refer to the SES Flood Safe Guide for more information.



#### **ALERT**

When a flood warning is issued:

- Listen to the radio or check the internet for flood alerts and updates.
- Ensure neighbours and friends are aware of the alert.
- Turn off power and gas.
- Turn off water at the meter
- Block toilets and drains with bags of earth or sand to stop water entering.
- Raise valuable items off the floor (onto beds and tables, and into roof spaces).
- Ensure copies of your data and files are stored above water level.
- Have your evacuation kit ready.
- Confirm the location of refuge areas.
- If you have decided you will evacuate, consider leaving early.



#### **FLOOD**

When a flood is in progress:

- Tell neighbours and friends if you are staying or leaving.
- If you are staying, shelter in the safest part of the building.
- Use caution when moving around your house and outside.
- Don't enter flood waters.
- Don't let children or animals play in flood waters.
- Don't drive through flood waters unless you are certain it is safe to do so.
- Observe flood depth markers.
- Listen to the radio or check the internet for updates.



#### **RECOVERY**

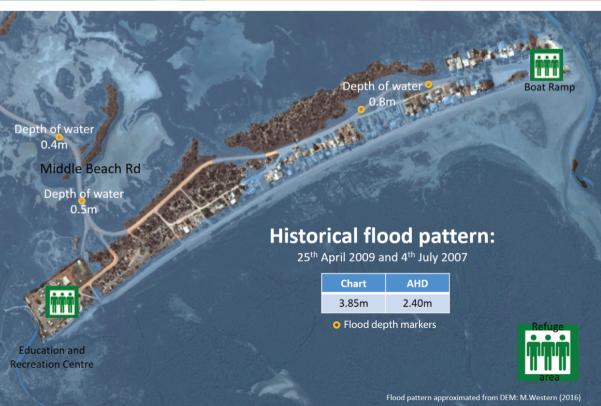
When flood waters have receded:

- Inspect your property, and seek professional help if there is structural damage.
- If your house was flooded, have your gas and electrical systems checked.
- Check to see if your rainwater tank is stable.
- Check your septic system.
- Evaluate flood damage to your possessions.
- Do not use electrical appliances that are or have been wet.
- Wear thick gloves when cleaning up.
- Be careful of snakes, spiders and other threats.

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### HAVE YOU PREPARED YOUR FLOOD EVACUATION KIT?

It should contain:

- ☑ Medication
- ☑ Photos
- ☑ Legal documents
- ☑ Snacks and fresh drinking water
- ☑ Raincoats and warm clothes
- ☑ Radio, torch and batteries
- ☑ Toilet paper
- ☑ First aid kit
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ☑ Suitable footwear
  - Food and supplies for pets



For emergency help from the SES call **132 500**For life-threatening emergencies call **000**For health advice from HealthDirect call **1800 022 222**