

# FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

## DO's



- Know the likelihood of floods in your city/village and highest flood levels of the past
- Plan ahead to protect your valuables and important documents
- Have knowledge of the nearest location of primary health centre and shelter
- Prepare an emergency kit which includes a torch, radio, dry foods, drinking water, important medicines, valuable documents, list of important phone numbers, candle, matchboxes, ropes, etc. and keep it handy
- Prepare to take domestic animals to safer places or to higher locations
- On receiving a flood warning from local authorities, inform your neighbours and immediately move to a higher and safer place
- If evacuated, take emergency kit. Turn off main electric switch, gas and water tap. Try to tell friends and relatives where you are going
- Respond to the instructions from Police/Fire Officers - they have your safety in mind
- Boil drinking water before usage or drink chlorinated water
- Be careful of snakes, snakebites are common during floods
- Listen to local weather and news reports for latest inputs
- Keep surrounding clean and hygienic

## DON'Ts



- Do not use flood waters for drinking and cooking. Do not eat any food that may have come into contact with flood water
- Avoid entering flood water and driving in flooded areas
- Do not allow children to play near flood waters
- Do not use electrical appliances, if the building is already flooded
- Do not return to your home until public authorities have declared it safe
- Do not create and believe in rumours