



# **KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK**

Flood modelling has identified risk areas across the City of Hobart. The best way to be prepared is to be informed.

Find out whether your home is at risk of flood at **hobartcity.com.au/floodmaps** 

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

To contact police, fire or ambulance in a lifethreatening emergency, call

**Triple Zero** 

**(000)** Calls are free.

For general help in a flood or storm, call the **SES on 132 500**.

hobartcity.com.au/flood

# Be prepared for FLOOD





There are typically two types of flood events: riverine flooding and flash flooding. Hobart's geography makes it prone to flash flooding, where waters rise quickly and then recede quickly – usually as the result of a severe storm or intense rain event.

Even shallow floodwaters can be fast-moving and can pose a serious danger.

Flooding can happen quickly. It's important to have a plan you can follow if a flood affects your home. Include a destination on higher ground and a safe route in case you need to evacuate.

## **BOM FLOOD ADVICE**

A Flood Watch is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology to provide early advice of a developing weather situation that may lead to flooding.

A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is expected to occur within a defined timeframe and is categorised as either Minor, Moderate or Major Flooding.

A Severe Weather Warning may also be issued for a specific weather event that may cause flash flooding.

See all up-to-date weather warnings at bom.gov.au/tas/warnings

#### **DURING HEAVY RAINFALL**

- Stay up to date with weather warnings and advice
- Check on your neighbors and keep in touch in case they need your help.
- Move garbage containers and hazardous chemicals beyond the reach of water.
- Secure objects that might float away and cause damage.
- Move livestock and equipment to high ground.
- Stack furniture and other possessions beyond the reach of water and place electrical goods on top of any piles.
- Check your motor vehicle and keep it full of fuel.
- Always follow instructions and directions from local authorities.

### **DURING A FLOOD**

- Never drive or walk through flood waters and don't try to return home until you are sure it is safe.
- Don't drive on roads that are closed.
- If you are at home, stay there until advised otherwise.
- Avoid using electrical or gas appliances.
- Don't eat or drink anything that has been in contact with flood water.
- Don't let children play in, or near, flood waters.
- Wear shoes and gloves while cleaning up and use a strong disinfectant.
- Monitor local media for updated information and advice.