

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN® - NEVER DRIVE THROUGH FLOODWATER

DRIVING DURING FLOODING

- Never drive around barricades or ROAD CLOSED signs.
- Use an alternate route when water covers the roadway.
- Be especially cautious at night when flood hazards are harder to see.
- 12 inches of rushing water can carry away most cars; about 2 feet can carry away SUVs and trucks.
- If water rises around your vehicle, move to higher ground if you can do so safely.

PREPARE YOUR HOME & FAMILY

- Know whether your home is in or near a flood-prone area, arroyo, wash, or low crossing.
- Keep emergency water, food, medications, flashlights, batteries, chargers, and first-aid supplies.
- Protect important documents and keep evacuation routes in mind.
- Keep children and pets away from floodwater, drainage channels, culverts, and arroyos.
- Follow evacuation instructions from local emergency officials.

ROAD CLOSURES & ALERTS

- Check conditions before leaving home or work.
- Pay attention to county, municipal, NMDOT, law-enforcement, and emergency-management notices.
- A familiar road can become unsafe quickly during heavy rain.
- Never move, ignore, or drive around a barricade.
- Allow extra travel time and be prepared to change your route.

TORNADO SAFETY

- A Tornado Warning means take shelter immediately.
- Go to a basement or a small interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows.
- Protect your head and neck from flying debris.
- If outdoors or in a vehicle, seek a sturdy building immediately.
- Never shelter under a highway overpass.

STAY INFORMED

Monitor National Weather Service warnings, local emergency alerts, and official road-closure information. Flooding and tornado conditions can change rapidly. When a warning is issued, act promptly.