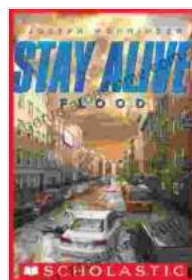


Stay Alive Flood: The Essential Guide to Preparing for and Surviving a Flood

Floods are one of the most common natural disasters in the United States, and they can be incredibly destructive. In 2017, Hurricane Harvey caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas and Louisiana. Just one year later, Hurricane Florence caused an estimated \$24 billion in damage in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Floods can happen anywhere, at any time. They can be caused by heavy rains, snowmelt, or dam failures. Floods can also be caused by tsunamis, which are large waves generated by earthquakes or volcanic eruptions.

If you live in an area that is at risk for flooding, it is important to be prepared. Stay Alive Flood is the essential guide to preparing for and surviving a flood. This comprehensive book covers everything you need to know to stay safe before, during, and after a flood.



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The best way to prepare for a flood is to be aware of your risk and to take steps to reduce your risk. Here are some things you can do to prepare for a flood:

- **Know your risk.** Find out if you live in an area that is at risk for flooding. You can check with your local emergency management office or visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website.
- **Make an emergency plan.** Develop an emergency plan that includes what you will do if a flood occurs. Your plan should include evacuation routes, meeting places, and contact information for family members.
- **Gather an emergency kit.** Assemble an emergency kit that includes food, water, first aid supplies, and other essential items. Your kit should be stored in a waterproof container and kept in a safe place.
- **Floodproof your home.** There are a number of things you can do to floodproof your home, such as elevating your home, installing flood vents, and sealing your foundation.
- **Free Download flood insurance.** Flood insurance can help you cover the costs of repairing or replacing your home and belongings if they are damaged by a flood.

If a flood occurs, it is important to stay calm and follow these safety tips:

- **Evacuate immediately.** If you are in an area that is flooding, evacuate immediately. Do not wait until it is too late.
- **Go to higher ground.** Find the nearest high ground and stay there until the floodwaters recede.

- **Do not drive through flooded areas.** Even a few inches of water can cause your car to stall.
- **Be aware of downed power lines.** Downed power lines can be deadly. If you see a downed power line, stay away from it and call 911.
- **Stay informed.** Listen to the radio or television for updates on the flood. Follow the instructions of local officials.

Once the floodwaters have receded, it is important to take steps to protect your health and safety. Here are some things you can do after a flood:

- **Be careful when entering your home.** Floodwaters can contain sewage and other contaminants. Wear protective clothing and boots when entering your home for the first time.
- **Check for damage.** Inspect your home for damage. If you find any damage, contact your insurance company as soon as possible.
- **Clean up your home.** Remove all debris from your home and yard. Wash all surfaces with a disinfectant solution.
- **Dry out your home.** Open windows and doors to help your home dry out. You may also need to use fans or dehumidifiers to speed up the drying process.
- **Prevent mold.** Mold can grow quickly in damp environments. To prevent mold, keep your home dry and well-ventilated.
- **Get help.** If you need help cleaning up your home or recovering from a flood, there are many resources available. Contact your local emergency management office or visit the FEMA website.

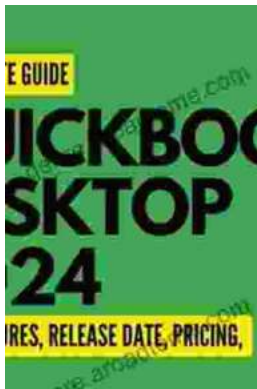
Floods can be devastating, but they can also be survived. By following the tips in this book, you can increase your chances of staying safe before, during, and after a flood.



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