BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FLOOD SAFETY

How to stay safe when flooding occurs

Before



Sign up for flood warnings if possible



Locate and restock your flood kit



Apply PFR measures e.g. flood barriers and pumps



Create a flood plan



Turn off utilities at main sources



Know where to evacuate to and have alternative routes

During



Do not enter floodwater due to the risk of drowning



Do not drive through floodwater



Make sure drinking water is from a safe source



Don't touch electrical devices if you are wet or standing in water



Avoiding standing close to fast-flowing rivers or the sea during storm surges



Floodwater may be contaminated and hide trip hazards

After



Check for structural damage on your property



Always wash your hands after being in contact with floodwater



Clear stagnant water to prevent breeding sites for diseases



Never use petrol or diesel powered generators indoors when drying



Throw out any food that has come into contact with floodwater



Support from families, friends and neighbours is key to avoiding negative impacts on mental health