KITIMAT
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FLOOD Risk Action

District of Kitimat (DoK)

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What to do Before

- Consider purchasing a sump pump and checking it periodically
- Compile a list of emergency contacts
- Check your insurance coverage
- Sign up to the DoK Emergency Warning System
- Familiarize yourself with DoK Emergency Response Plans
- Learn how to build a sandbag dike
- Know how to turn off gas/water/electricity sources
- Move items of personal value such as family photos to higher levels within your property
- Prepare a flood kit of essential items in case you need to evacuate
- Look at options to flood-proof your home (e.g., backflow devices and seal basement)
- Identify your flood evacuation routes

What to do During

- Call 911 if you are in danger
- Park vehicles away from streams and waterways
- Register online with the Evacuee Registration Assistance (ERA) tool to receive emergency support services
- • Focus on safety of people
  • Contact friends & family, relatives
  • Check-in on individuals who may be unaware of flood warnings
- Monitor emergency services information updates, e.g.:
  • High streamflow advisory
  • Flood watch
  • Flood warning
  Monitor social media channels/updates from DoK
- Monitor local radio stations, television news, and social media for latest information on sandbagging stations and possible evacuation procedures and routes
- Do not attempt to walk or drive through flood waters. Find another route if possible.
  • 15cm can sweep you off your feet
  • 60cm can float a car
- Use sandbags to block floor drains and toilets to present sewage backup
- • Only use tap water if it has been tested and deemed safe by local authorities
  • Use bottled or boiled water
  • Fill jugs/pots with clean water while it is available
- • Leave the area immediately
  • Choosing to remain puts yourself and others in danger
  • If you are sick or have mobilities issues contact emergency services or a friend/neighbour that can assist you to evacuate
- Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies when water is about to enter your property
  *IF SAFE TO DO SO
- Follow DoK instructions on safest evacuation routes
- Move items of value or susceptible to damage to higher levels within the building and bring in outdoor furniture
- Do not play in flood water – flood water can be a source of contamination and may contain hidden hazards
- Help prevent water entering your home – plug sinks and baths, weighing them down with a heavy object
- Sanitize your hands thoroughly if you touch flood water
- Disconnect any equipment that uses water (e.g., dishwashers and washing machines)
- DO NOT TOUCH SOURCES OF ELECTRICITY WHEN STANDING IN FLOOD WATER

What to do After

- Be wary of hidden hazards within remaining flood water (eg raised manhole covers)
- • Floodwater can contain harmful contaminants and cause mold so only undertake clean up activities if it is safe to do so
  • Wear gloves, rubber boots and a mask
- Flood water may have caused structural damage, if in doubt, do not re-enter the home
- Follow clean up advice from DoK and emergency services
- Compile information for insurance purposes (eg photos)
- If you rent your e.g., home, contact your landlord
- Do not turn on electricity supply until it has been inspected by a qualified person
- Only return home when DoK says it is safe to do so
- If using a pump to remove water from your property, ensure that the generator is outside and the area is well ventilated – carbon monoxide fumes from generators can kill