



## Be Ready Tip(s) of the Month

**April Tip:**           **Rushing flood waters deceive—Turn around, don't drown!**  
Flooding is the most common natural disaster and can occur anywhere, sometimes without warning.

**Tip #1:**           Rushing flood waters can be deeper and stronger than they look. Turn around, don't drown—as little as six (6) inches of water can cause loss of control and stalling of a vehicle.

**Tip #2:**           Determine whether your home or work place is in a predetermined flood plain and identify where you can go if you need to reach higher ground quickly and on foot.

**Tip #3:**           Stay Informed and know **flood terminology:**

- **Flood Watch—Flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio or TV for more information.**
- **Flash Flood Watch—Flash flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio or TV for more information. Be prepared to move to higher ground.**
- **Flood Warning—Flooding is currently occurring or will occur soon. Listen for further instructions. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.**
- **Flash Flood Warning—Flash flooding is currently occurring or will occur soon. Seek higher ground on foot immediately.**

**Tip #4:**           Stay clear of flood waters, standing and moving, as they may be contaminated or deeper than expected.

**Tip #5:**           Avoid any roads where flood waters have receded, as they may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.

For more information on how to prepare for a flood, view the Ready Coast Guard fact sheet at [http://www.uscg.mil/hr/cg111/docs/Ready/NH\\_flood.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hr/cg111/docs/Ready/NH_flood.pdf).

**Be/stay informed, make a plan, build a kit and pass it on, so all are prepared.**

Semper Paratus!