

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FLOODING?

Flooding can occur as a result of heavy rains, snowstorms, coastal storms, storm surges, and overflows of dams and other water systems. This means that a flood can happen at any time and almost anywhere – that’s why it’s always a good idea to prepare yourself, and your business should a flood event occur.

Flooding can be dangerous, failure to evacuate a flooded area or entering flood waters can lead to serious injury or death. As we’ve seen from countless news reels, floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States and can be devastating in a small area or affect entire communities.

The [Emergency Alert System \(EAS\)](#) and [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#) Weather Radio provide emergency alerts so that you know when there’s an enhanced risk of a flood, but there are steps you can take now to better protect yourself and your important information.

Access can help you minimize the impact of a flood to you and your business.

- Stay informed and improve overall safety efforts during crisis events, like floods, and other significant events using the resources provided on our [Business Continuity Resources](#) page. On this page, you will find:
- Stay informed and improve overall safety and security during crisis events, like wildfires, by using the resources provided on the [Access Business Continuity Hub](#). This tool provides:
 - News on any severe event that may impact Access business operations
 - Preparedness resources
 - Links to external sources, and much more
- Check out www.ready.gov for tips about flood preparation. Access-specific updates are posted at www.accesscorp.com/business-continuity-resources/.



Important things to do before a flood event occurs

- Validate Authorized Users and provide current contact information
- Review and update Disaster Recovery plans
- Complete inspections of the roof, including HVAC and vent openings
- Install automatic sump pumps if the water table level in your area warrants it
- Keep a portable, submersible pump on hand with appropriate lengths of discharge hose
- Should evacuation be necessary, we will reschedule and complete affected orders once it is safe for our employees to return to our facilities

Flood Warning? Here are a few tips to help keep you safe:

- Find safe shelter
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water
- Remember, only one foot of moving water can sweep a vehicle away
- Depending on the type of flooding:
 - Evacuate immediately if told to do so
 - Move to higher ground or a higher floor
 - Stay where you are

If you have questions, please contact our Client Care team:

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