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|  <p>FLOOD ALERT</p> |  <p>FLOOD WARNING</p> |  <p>SEVERE FLOOD WARNING</p> | <p>Warning no longer in force</p> |
| <p>What it means Flooding is possible. Be prepared.</p> | <p>What it means Flooding is expected. Immediate action required.</p> | <p>What it means Severe flooding. Danger to life.</p> | <p>What it means No further flooding is currently expected for your area.</p> |
| <p>When it's used Two hours to two days in advance of flooding.</p> | <p>When it's used Half an hour to one day in advance of flooding.</p> | <p>When it's used When flooding poses a significant risk to life or significant disruption to communities.</p> | <p>When it's used When a flood warning or severe flood warning is no longer in force.</p> |
| <p>Triggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecasts that indicate that flooding from rivers may be possible. • Forecast intense rainfall for rivers that respond very rapidly. • Forecasts of high tides, surges or strong winds. | <p>Triggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High tides, surges coupled with strong winds. • Heavy rainfall forecast to cause flash flooding of rivers. • Forecast flooding from rivers. | <p>Triggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual flooding where the conditions pose a significant risk to life and/or widespread disruption to communities. • On-site observations from flooded locations. • A breach in defences or failure of a tidal surge barrier or dam that is likely to cause significant risk to life. • Discussions with partners. | <p>Triggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of flooding has passed. • River or sea levels have dropped back below severe flood warning or flood warning levels and no further flooding is expected. • Professional judgment and discussions with partners agree that a severe flood warning status is no longer needed. |
| <p>Impact on the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding of fields, recreation land and car parks. • Flooding of minor roads. • Flooding of farmland. • Spray or wave overtopping on the coast. | <p>Impact on the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding of homes and businesses. • Flooding of rail infrastructure. • Flooding to roads with major impacts. • Significant waves and spray on the coast. • Extensive flood plain inundation (including caravan parks or campsites). • Flooding of major tourist/recreational attractions. | <p>Impact on the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep and fast flowing water. • Debris in the water causing danger. • Potential or observed collapse of buildings and structures. • Communities isolated by flood waters. • Critical infrastructure for communities disabled. • Large number of evacuees. • Military support. | <p>Impact on the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new impacts expected from flooding, however there may still be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing water following flooding; • Flooded properties; • Flooded or damaged infrastructure. |
| <p>Advice to the public/media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared to act on your flood plan. • Prepare a flood kit of essential items. • Avoid walking, cycling or driving through flood water. • Farmers should consider moving livestock and equipment away from areas likely to flood. • Call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for up-to-date flooding information. • Monitor local water levels on the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk. | <p>Advice to the public/media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect yourself, your family and help others. • Move family, pets and valuables to a safe place. • Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so. • Put flood protection equipment in place. • If you are caught in a flash flood, get to higher ground. • Call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for up-to-date information. | <p>Advice to the public/media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in a safe place with a means of escape. • Be ready should you need to evacuate from your home. • Co-operate with the emergency services. • Call 999 if you are in immediate danger. • Call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for up-to-date flooding information. | <p>Advice to the public/media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be careful. Flood water may still be around for several days and could be contaminated. • If you've been flooded, ring your insurance company as soon as possible. |
| <p>Advice to operational organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your flood response plans to see how your organisation needs to respond. • Speak to your local Environment Agency Flood Warning Duty Officer for the latest forecast information. • Dial into Flood Advisory Service teleconferences. • Advise the public to call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for up-to-date flooding information. • Please report any flooding in your area to your local Environment Agency office. | <p>Advice to operational organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check flood response plans for actions required at this stage. • Speak to your local Environment Agency Flood Warning Duty Officer for the latest forecast information. • Advise the public to call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for up-to-date flooding information. • Please report any flooding in your area to your local Environment Agency office. | <p>Advice to operational organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check flood response plans for actions required at this stage. • Advise the public to put their safety first and to be ready to evacuate should the authorities decide it's needed. • Develop clear messages for local communities and the public. | <p>Advice to operational organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery phase will have started. • Advise the public to call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for advice on what to do if they have been affected by flooding. |