

## FLOODS

### **BEFORE A FLOOD**

#### **If you stay in an area with flood problems during the past**

- Make sure that the wells and gullies outside your house are not blocked.
- Make sure that house drains function properly.
- Reduce your removals as much as possible.
- Avoid working or living in underground places if necessary.

### **DURING THE APPEARANCE OF FLOOD**

- Avoid underground places and move to a secure higher point
- Don't cross torrents on foot or by car
- Abandon your car if it gets immobilized as it might be swept away or flooded.
- Stay away from electric wires.
- Avoid areas where there have been landslides.

### **ACTIONS IN FLOODED AREAS**

#### **Stay away from flooded areas or areas dangerous to flood in the next hours**

- The flood is likely to have changed the area characteristics and waters might have swept away parts of the streets, the pavements etc.
- Dangers are imminent from broken pavements, areas with dangerous slope, flows of mud etc.
- The water is likely to be polluted from rubbish, dead animals, raw sewage or other materials.
- Be careful not to prevent the rescue-parties.
- Don't approach areas where landslides and rock falls have been recorded.
- Check if your house or place of work runs the risk of a possible fall of rocks.

#### **If you need to walk or to drive in flooded areas**

- Try to find solid ground.
- Avoid moving waters.
- If you see a flooded street, stop and change direction.
- Avoid stagnant waters that could be electric-current conductors if there are underground power cables or leaks.
- Follow the authorities' instructions.

### **The restoration of damages at home or the place of employment**

If the area you stay had been evacuated, don't return before the authorities indicate that is safe.

#### **Before you begin restoration works at your place**

- Switch off the electric supply even if the power company has switched off the whole area.
- Turn off the water supply in case the network fails.

#### **To overhaul a flooded building, pay attention to**

- Wear protective shoes so as not to get injured from objects or irregularities of the ground hidden by water.
- Examine the walls, doors, stairs and windows.
- Check the networks of electric power, water and drainage systems.

**REMEMBER:** Even when flood waters recede danger exists.