

# EMERGENCY PLAN: STORM & FLOODING

A step-by-step guide on storm and flooding disaster management for UCSB students and affiliates.

## FLOOD WATCH VS. WARNING

### Flood Watch

- Be Prepared: A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.

### Flood Warning

- Take Action: A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.
- If you are in a flood-prone area, move immediately to high ground.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Sign up for your community's warning system through CalAlerts.
- Gather food, water, medicine, and any other resources.
- Plan for power outages. Charge devices and backup batteries.
- Keep your car gas tank at least half full if you are asked to evacuate.
- Establish evacuation routes from your home and workplace

CalAlerts Sign Up



## WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING

- Listen to emergency information and alerts.
- If trapped inside by floodwaters, move to higher floors or the roof; call 911.
- Never walk or drive through floodwater. Floodwater may be deeper than you think and can sweep you or your car away.
- If you are outside during a storm, find shelter immediately.
- Stay away from trees and power lines, especially watch for flying debris



## WHAT YOU CAN DO AFTER

- Monitor local alerts for available shelter locations and areas to avoid.
- Stay away from bluffs after storms due to erosion.
- Do not touch electrical equipment if wet or standing in water.
- Use texting or social media to communicate with family, as phone systems may be down.
- Avoid contact with floodwater. Floodwater can contain chemicals or waste that can make you and your pets sick.

## RESOURCES

Storm Readiness



Safety Guide



National Weather Service



Refer to UCSB Campus e-mails and homepage at [www.ucsb.edu](http://www.ucsb.edu) for further information.