



Driving in floodwaters

Plan your trip. Drive with care.

Driving on roads during or after a flood is extremely hazardous.

1 in 3 flood-related fatalities in WA involve a vehicle. Roads and bridges can be severely damaged by the power of floodwaters. Communities that experience flooding may be isolated for days, weeks or even months.

If the area you are traveling through has experienced recent flooding, review your plans before you leave.

When you see floodwaters, **STOP**

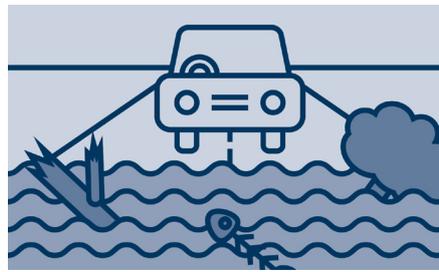
Skilled drivers always ask 3 questions



1. How deep is the water?

In just 15cms of flowing water, floods can take control of a small car.

In just 30cms of flowing water, floods can take control of a 4WD.



2. What condition is the road in?

If you can't see the road, you can't see the damage and obstructions.



3. How strong is the current?

Cars have been washed away in shallow floodwaters.

IF UNSURE, IT'S OK TO DRIVE AWAY!

And remember: **CLOSED MEANS CLOSED**. Obey road closures and check road conditions.

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