

Del Webb
- LAKEWOOD RANCH -



CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Turn Around Don't Drown

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. It is reported that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near floodwaters.

People underestimate the force and power of water. Never drive around the barriers blocking a flooded road. The road may have collapsed under that water. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away most cars and just 2 feet of rushing water can carry away SUVs and trucks. It is NEVER safe to drive, walk or swim through floodwaters.

Remember:

- Floodwaters may hide downed electrical lines
- Flooding can contaminate drinking water
- Floodwaters can contain sewage, debris, sharp objects, snakes, and alligators

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