



# CERT Monthly Safety Tip

## Turn Around, Don't Drown

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. Over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater.

People underestimate the force and power of water. Never drive around the barriers blocking a flooded road. It may have collapsed under the water. Just 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 can carry away SUVs and trucks.

- 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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