




When to warn

Flood (Descriptor)

AWS Level	Calls to Action	Context
 <p>Advice</p>	- Avoid the area	Flooding is impacting or there is damage caused by flooding and the area is to be avoided. This provides situational awareness for the community.
	- Monitor conditions - Stay informed	Flooding is possible in the area and people need to know how to stay informed and monitor the situation.
	- Prepare now	Flooding is expected, and people need to prepare. This will be an early warning and will likely include the BoM weather warning.
	- Return with caution	The flooding has receded enough for people to go back to their homes or businesses, but alerts people to the dangers that may be left behind from the flooding.
 <p>Watch and Act</p>	- Avoid the area	Flooding is impacting or there is significant damage caused by flooding and the area is to be avoided. This provides situational awareness for the community.
	- Not safe to return	Flooding has or is currently happening. People must not return to their homes or businesses as it is not safe.
	- Monitor conditions	Flood conditions are changing and are unpredictable. People need monitor conditions and take necessary actions to stay safe.
	- Prepare for isolation	Flooding is likely and the community may be isolated as a result. There is still time for people to leave if they have a safe place of refuge, and people who chose to stay need to be prepared.
	- Prepare to leave	People are likely to be impacted by flooding and they need to get ready to leave for their own safety.
	- Prepare now	Flooding is likely, and people need to prepare for their own safety.
	- Return with caution	The flooding has receded enough for people to go back to their homes or businesses but are warned of the considerable damage and dangers that may be left behind from the flooding.
	- Move to higher ground	Flooding is about to impact or is currently impacting the area and is likely to continue to rise. People must move to higher ground for their own safety.
 <p>Emergency Warning</p>	- Leave by [xx:xx am/pm] - Leave immediately	Flooding is about to impact or is currently impacting the area. Areas will be flooded inside buildings, and it would be safer for people to leave to a place of refuge.
	- Take shelter now - Too dangerous to leave	People are now isolated due to rising waters and should stay where they are because all routes are cut off. They should seek higher ground where they are.