

What To Do In Case of Heavy Rain or Floods

Lower lying portions of BYU campus (i.e., Helaman Halls, LaVell Edwards Stadium, Richards Building, Smith Field House, etc.) and off-campus housing to the west and south of main campus lie in the Jordanelle and Deer Creek Dam flood plains. Most of Provo can be affected if these dams fail. If a dam breach is likely:

1. Avoid areas where flash floods can occur. Immediately move east or north to higher ground, if you are in a low-lying area. Even rain is not detected, desert washes can fill with rushing water.
2. Move indoors as quickly as possible.
3. Never attempt to cross even shallow flooded areas either on foot or in a vehicle.
4. Tap water may be contaminated. Do not drink unless civil authorities confirm it is safe.
5. Avoid downed power lines.
6. Unplug appliances, but do not touch wet electrical equipment. If instructed to do so, turn off utilities at main switches/valves.
7. Follow directions from University Police, your Emergency Building Coordinator, and local government authorities.
8. Prepare to render volunteer aid to evacuees coming to the university seeing higher ground. This will be most of the citizens of Provo.

What To Do In Case of Smoke or Fires

1. Do not fight fires alone.
2. Pull the fire alarm. If a fire alarm does not sound, warn building occupants to evacuate.
3. Evacuate the building. Stay low to the floor where the air is cooler and fresher.
4. Do not open doors that are hot to the touch.
5. If it can be done safely, close doors and windows as you leave to prevent the spread of fire. Never jeopardize your own safety.
6. Call the police, 911 or 801-422-0911, from outside the building to give additional information.
7. Report to your designated location and account for those in your group. Report names and possible locations of missing members to police or responding firefighters.
8. If the fire is confined to a specific area, send someone to an exit to give directions to emergency personnel.
9. Report hazards (i.e., chemicals, high voltage, structural damage, etc.) to responding emergency personnel.
10. Follow directions from University Police, the Emergency Building Coordinator, and other authorities.
11. Do not re-enter the building until it has been cleared by the Fire Department, University Police, or Risk Management & Safety.