



## Floods are one of the most common UK natural disasters.

27,000 properties in Kirklees could be at risk from flooding. That's 15% of homes in the area.

Estimated damage would be over £70 million if they all flooded at once.

You are more likely to get flooded than burgled.

Only 41% of households eligible for free flood warnings are registered to receive them.

40% of businesses do not reopen after suffering a catastrophic loss due to flooding.

A car can float in just 60cm (2 feet) of water.

Just 15cm (6 inches) of fast flowing water can knock you off your feet.

Floods are common and can happen quickly but you can be prepared and minimise your risk.

### STEP 1 - Check

Find out if you're at risk: [www.checkmyfloodrisk.co.uk](http://www.checkmyfloodrisk.co.uk)

### STEP 2 - Plan

Create your own emergency plan, you can use our 10 minute Household Emergency Plan template which has a list of essential items, contact numbers and emergency checklists. [www.kirklees.gov.uk/household-emergency-plan](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/household-emergency-plan)

### STEP 3 - Protect

Protect your home or business. If you are at risk from flooding there is a variety of protection equipment you can fit. This includes:

- **Sandbags**
- **Hydrosacks / Hydrosnakes** – a modern alternative to sandbags
- **Toilet seals** - to stop sewage
- **Airbrick covers** – to prevent water entering the building
- **Door / gate barriers** - to hold back flood water from the house
- **Submersible water pumps** - to help remove water

For more information on how to be prepared:  
[www.kirklees.gov.uk/emergencyplanning](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/emergencyplanning)