

FLOODS

HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKLIST

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Thoroughly cleaning buildings after a flood ensures that mould and disease cannot thrive. We have created this checklist to guide you through some important steps.

INITIAL POST-FLOOD SAFETY ✓

Is the initial clean-up of water, mud and debris complete?	
Have all sources of drinking water and sewage been checked, repaired, and declared safe?	
Have all protruding nails and splinters been removed from damaged or exposed wooden areas?	
Has all contaminated food been discarded?	
Have hands been cleaned after working with flood-affected materials?	
Have the outsides of sealed food containers been cleaned before opening?	

ELECTRICITY ✓

Has power been disconnected?	
Has the electricity supply been inspected by an electrician and declared safe?	
Has flood debris been removed from electrical switchboards and wall sockets?	
Have all electrical switches, plates and fittings been removed or safety re-fixed by an electrician?	
Have all affected appliances (e.g. air conditioners, washing machines, refrigerators etc.) been tested and certified safe for use?	

STRIP-OUT AND CLEAN ✓

Have the following items that have been affected by flood water and which cannot be cleaned, been disposed of?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plasterboard / wall linings • insulation • water-damaged mattresses • water damaged furniture • carpets, and any other absorbent items 	
Have all plinths (kickers) been removed from beneath kitchen and bathroom cabinets?	
Have all affected internal wall linings been removed?	
Have all wet ceilings been removed or had holes drilled into them to help drying?	

STRIP-OUT AND CLEAN



Has all mud, silt and debris been removed from:	
• underneath baths?	
• underneath kitchen cupboards?	
• inside and below cupboards?	
• under stairs?	
• floorboards?	
• basements?	
• wall cavities?	
• electrical switchboards and wall sockets?	
• toilets (including the cistern)?	
• the spacing between brick and woodworks?	
• parts of the building's steel frame (particularly the bottom plate)?	

GAS



Has the gas meter and regulator been checked by the gas supplier?	
Has the LP Gas cylinder moved during the weather event?	
Has the LP Gas cylinder and regulator been checked by the gas supplier or a licensed gas fitter?	
Have all affected gas appliances (fixed and mobile) been checked by a licensed gas fitter?	

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