

## Be Ready: Flood Safety Tips

Flooding can happen with little warning and cause significant disruptions on college campuses. It's important for students, faculty, and staff to be prepared to ensure everyone's safety.

### Before a Flood: Prepare and Stay Informed

- 1. Know Your Campus Flood Risk:**
  - Be aware of whether your location is in a flood-prone area.
  - Familiarize yourself with CAU campus evacuation routes and flood-prone areas such as basements, underground parking garages, and low-lying buildings on campus.
- 2. Sign Up for Campus Alerts:**
  - Make sure all of contact information is updated in your Panther Portal to receive notifications about weather warnings and safety instructions from CAU Public Safety.
- 3. Create a Personal Emergency Plan:**
  - Plan where you would go if you needed to evacuate campus housing or a classroom building.
  - Make sure you have a way to communicate with friends, family, and roommates.
- 4. Prepare an Emergency Kit:**
  - For students: Keep a small emergency kit in your dorm or apartment with water, snacks, first aid supplies, a flashlight, and essential medications.
  - For faculty and staff: Consider having a portable kit in your office with similar essentials, along with important documents.
- 5. Know the Difference Between Watch and Warning:**
  - **Flood Watch:** Conditions are favorable for flooding. Stay alert and be ready to move to higher ground.
  - **Flood Warning:** Flooding is imminent or already occurring. Move to safety immediately.



## **During a Flood: Take Immediate Action**

- 1. Move to Higher Ground:**
  - If you're in a classroom, dorm, or any CAU campus building when a flood warning is issued, head to higher floors or designated safe areas.
  - Avoid using elevators as they can malfunction during flooding.
- 2. Follow Campus Evacuation Orders:**
  - If campus officials issue an evacuation order, follow the designated evacuation routes. Don't delay—act quickly to avoid becoming trapped by rising water.
- 3. Avoid Floodwaters:**
  - Do not walk, wade, or drive through flooded areas on campus. Even a few inches of moving water can be dangerous.
  - Stay clear of areas like parking garages, outdoor stairwells, or sports fields that may flood quickly.
- 4. Shelter in Place If Necessary:**
  - If you cannot evacuate, find the highest safe point in the building and wait for emergency services to arrive. Stay away from windows and exterior doors.
- 5. Stay Informed:**
  - Keep monitoring your phone, CAU campus alerts, or local news for updates on the flooding situation.

## **After a Flood: Stay Safe on Campus**

- 1. Wait for Official Instructions:**
  - Do not return to dorms, classrooms, or offices until CAU Public Safety say it's safe to do so. Flooded areas may still pose hazards.
- 2. Be Aware of Health Risks:**
  - Avoid contact with floodwater, which may contain harmful bacteria, chemicals, or debris.
  - Clean and disinfect any belongings that have come into contact with floodwater.
- 3. Check for CAU Campus Damage:**
  - Be cautious when returning to CAU buildings or dormitories. Flooding can cause structural damage, mold growth, or electrical hazards.
  - Report any damage or unsafe conditions to CAU Public Safety.
- 4. Document Damage:**
  - If your personal belongings have been damaged in the flood, take photos and report to campus housing.