

## Flooding

### What to do about the damage to your housing or after you have been evacuated?

General		Damage		Tidying up		Gas and electricity				
	Enter only if there is sufficient <b>daylight</b>		Take <b>photos</b> of damaged areas. They will be useful for your insurance file.		<b>Protect yourself</b> (wear gloves, boots and a mask).		<b>Do not touch</b> the gas valve or the main power switch.			
	<b>Inform</b> your family and friends		<b>Contact your insurance company</b> as soon as possible. They can answer your questions and help you deal with the disaster.		Clear away the waste.		Do you notice a <b>smell of gas</b> ? Has your main electricity switch been flooded? Do not go near it. <b>Leave your house</b> and notify your gas or electricity company.			
	If you see more than 5 cm of water in your house, <b>wear rubber boots</b> .				<b>Wash your hands</b> regularly with water and soap.				<b>Do not use any electrical appliances.</b>	
	Check the <b>stability</b> of the building and the ground: look out for subsidence, holes and pieces of glass	<b>Water</b>			Disinfect damaged areas with bleach. 15° chlorine bleach: 150ml/L 8° chlorine bleach: 225ml/L					
	Follow your <b>municipality's information</b> on the use of tap water.		Let the <b>water run for 3 to 5 minutes</b> before the first use.	Always work <b>from bottom up</b> .		<b>Telephone numbers</b>				
	Contact a <b>professional</b> if there is any doubt.						<b>Boil water</b> if in doubt.		1771	<b>Do you have practical questions or are you looking for psychological support?</b> (Free of charge, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.)
	Cleaning up after a flood is difficult and stressful. <b>Rest</b> as long as you need to and make sure you have enough <b>food and water</b> . Make a <b>realistic schedule</b> .		Wash clothes at min. 40°, preferably 60°	Check whether your municipality provides for extra <b>(household) waste</b> collections.	1722			<b>Do you need the assistance of firefighters?</b>		
										Make sure your house is well <b>lit</b> .
										Pay attention to <b>dangerous products</b> in your house.