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Flood safety tips

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Heavy rainfall and strong winds have been affecting the Western District areas of Nadi, Ba, Tavua, and Nanu. The rain and the wind can cause many hazards for local communities. Fiji Red Cross recommends that people take the following precautions:

- Keep a close watch on the situation, continue to listen to local radio for warnings and advice
- Floodwaters are dangerous, do not drive, ride or walk through floodwaters
- If floodwaters rise around your car, get out and move to higher ground
- Do not go out fishing
- If someone falls into flood water- call for help or dial emergency numbers in your districts never attempt to jump in a strong water current
- Boil all drinking and cooking water at least for 45 mins during times of flood
- Supervise your children & never allow them to go outdoors or play in rivers and flood waters
- For those trained in First Aid, CPR might come in handy
- Have torch available & if using candles be careful of fires
- Store dry food for emergencies
- Never go outdoors during high speed winds.
- Stay away from fallen power lines – electrical current passes easily through water

For emergency assistance during floods or storms call 911

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