

Floods



1. Floods ranks 1st as the most common natural disaster in the world; A flood is said to have occurred when dry land is submerged by an overflow of water.
2. 90% of all natural disasters in the United States are related to flooding..
3. Areas of land under development are more prone to flooding especially when constructions obstruct the water's natural path.
4. Flash floods can bring floodwaters as high as 10 to 15 feet high!
5. Floods caused by a hurricane or rising sea level from a storm surge are known as coastal flooding.
6. Most flash floods are caused by heavy rain, hurricanes, storms and melting snow.
7. Two feet of rushing floodwaters are capable of carrying a car.
8. .The 1931 Yangtze-Huai flood was the deadliest flood ever recorded; it was estimated that four million people lost their lives in that flood.
9. Floods caused when water overflows a river, pond, stream or lake are called Riverine flooding.
10. When a dam bursts open and causes a flood, this type of flooding is called catastrophic flooding.

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