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## Health Protection

**Flooding**  
guidance

**HSC** Public Health  
Agency

In order to flooding the water table is to be raised by the water table. The risk of contracting Borna is generally low. However, if it is not always clear whether water is contaminated it is best to be on the safe side and assume that the water is contaminated.

The stress and strain of being flooded and cleaning up can have a negative impact on mental health and wellbeing. There is also a serious danger posed by waterborne bacteria from the release of all germs and other organisms to the water. If they are not properly washed, bacteria, viruses and other organisms can cause serious illness. It is important to be aware of the risks of waterborne bacteria and other organisms. For more information, contact your local health protection team.

The floodwater affecting your home or other property may have been contaminated with sewage, animal waste and other contaminants and other bacteria. However, exposure to floodwater is not a health risk. However, exposure to floodwater is not a health risk. However, exposure to floodwater is not a health risk. However, exposure to floodwater is not a health risk.

There are a few precautions to be aware of when dealing with floodwater, which should help prevent additional health problems:

- Health risks can be minimised by taking general hygiene precautions and the use of protective clothing (waterproof boots and gloves) when cleaning up.
- Always wash your hands with soap and water after being in contact with floodwater, even if you have been protected by boots, or after participating in flood cleanup activities.
- Don't allow children to play in floodwater areas until they have been checked up on at least a week after the floodwater has cleared completely, which might not be long.

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Public Health Agency flood guidance. There are a few precautions to be aware of when dealing with flooding, which should help prevent additional health problems. This factsheet also includes a section answering frequently asked questions.

## Details

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