

Coastal Flooding




Risk overview





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Risk Lead	Environment Agency
Risk Descriptor	Coastal flooding is caused by high tides, low pressure weather systems, and surge conditions caused by strong winds blowing large waves towards the shore
How Prepared Are You?	
How to prepare for the risk	<p>Before  Flood alert - Prepare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out if your property is within a flood risk area Check the long term flood risk for an area in England - GOV.UK • Sign up for flood warnings by phone, text or email. To register call the Environment Agency's 24/7 Floodline 0345 988 1188 or visit Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK • Write a personal flood plan Personal flood plan - GOV.UK • Create an emergency contact list- In an emergency, even a person with the best of memories may not remember critical phone numbers. • Make sure you have house insurance and check it covers flooding - Floods are the most common and costly natural disaster. Just a few inches of water can cause thousands of pounds of damage. • Fit appropriate flood protection devices to your property • For further information please visit Prepare for flooding: Protect yourself from future flooding - GOV.UK
How to respond to the risk	<p>During  Flood warning - Act  Severe flood warning - Survive</p> <p><u>Evacuating</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are advised to evacuate due to a risk of coastal flooding, please do so. Staying behind will put both yourselves and emergency responders in danger • If you are advised to leave the area for your safety decide where you will go and how you will get there • Ensure you have enough fuel in your vehicle for your journey • Know how to safely turn off your electricity, water and gas supplies (if you're unsure, ask your gas and electricity company) • Remember to take your medication with you • Where possible take your pets with you • Check on your neighbours • Let your neighbour know what you are doing where are you staying/going • For the most up to date information www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org Lincolnshire LRF on Twitter and Facebook Listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire

	<p><u>Staying Put</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you do choose to stay put, be aware you may have days without power or water or mobile phone communication if you are flooded. You are putting responders at risk if you subsequently need rescuing • Have supplies in your home that will enable you to cope for up to three days if you are unable to evacuate • Take your valuable items upstairs, if possible, or place them up high in cupboards/shelves. • Do not walk through flood water – there can be hidden dangers such as debris or sharp objects <p><u>Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone the Environment Agency’s Floodline number (0345 988 1188) if you are experiencing flooding.
<p>How to recover from the risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor the LRF website/ social media channels for guidance and advice. • Listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire for the most up to date information <p>If you were flooded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take photographs of any damage if it is safe to do so- to provide to your insurance company • Get your electric meter checked by the electricity transmission company before you attempt to switch anything back on again. • Get your fuse box and electrical sockets checked by an electrician • Check that the water in your taps is now safe to drink before you drink it • Get a Gas Safe Engineer to check your gas appliances before use to ensure they are safe • Be aware of the health effects caused by a flood. When cleaning up wear appropriate clothing and protection as flood water can be contaminated with harmful bacteria. • Be mindful of how the stress and traumatic feelings of personal loss can have an impact on your own and the mental wellbeing of others. What to do after a flood - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) • Safely clean up your home - Floods: cleaning your home safely - GOV.UK
<p>How prepared is your family?</p>	<p>Follow the “prepare” suggestions and make sure your family know what to do in the event of a flooding incident.</p>
<p>What can you do to support your</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify neighbours who may need assistance or who may be

Community?	<p>able to provide assistance to you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out how to prepare for an emergency and download a flood plan here: Get Involved – Lincolnshire Resilience Forum • Join or start an Emergency Community Group – Get Involved – Lincolnshire Resilience Forum • Make sure that any vulnerable neighbours or relatives are safe and help them make arrangements if they require assistance. <p>For help with flood related insurance visit Find an insurer - Flood Re</p>
How Prepared is your business?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would your business stay afloat? This is a simple guide to some of the easy actions that you can take to make sure that your business is as well prepared as possible for flooding. • It tells you how to find out if your business is at risk, information about the Environment Agency’s flood warning service and it also has a simple template to use to design a flood plan for your business. • Complete the Business Resilience Health Check • Make sure you have suitable business insurance, the Association of British Insurers provides useful advice and information. • Consider communicating with other local businesses about your plans and how you could support each other.
What are the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum doing to prepare for this risk?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with partner organisations we prioritise support to vulnerable residents in the highest risk area; • We will assist people to evacuate an area if they require it; • We make available a helpline so people can request support; • We produce multi-agency plans so that every responding organisation knows what they can do, at the right time, to support people who may be affected by flooding; • Keep the public informed of the changing situation via local media stations, social media and the LRF website; • We can request military support when it is appropriate to assist with the response and rescue phase; • Two-way communication with central government to ensure that any additional national resources can be provided to support the local response.

For further information please see the LRF website: www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org