

Understanding community flood risk

Video transcript

Narrator: Whether you live on the top of a hill, near a river, or somewhere in between, flooding can happen in your area, and it can impact people in different ways.

Look at your neighbourhood, there's big and small families, elderly couples, even someone living alone.

But no one's alone when it comes to floods – it's a responsibility we all share.

Breaking down this responsibility into three categories helps us understand and manage our community flood risk a little easier.

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Option: Raising awareness

Narrator: Get involved with your local community to learn about the history and risks of flooding in your area. Share this with your new neighbours and ensure everyone is informed and prepared.

Option: Community support

Narrator: Work with your council, community and Melbourne Water on drain and gutter cleanups which help the flow of water. Even chatting about flooding at the local footy club, or at a café with a friend can help your community think about flood awareness and preparation.

Option: Emergency planning

Narrator: Look at and share your council emergency management plans. That way you and your neighbours can prepare in the right way.

VIC SES have local flood guides and other tools to help you write your own emergency plan. They also have flood preparedness programs to teach you what to do or not do during a flood event.

After all options have been selected

Narrator: So, look for information about community flood programs in your area and explore the VIC SES website for even more on flood preparation.

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