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## Standard Operating Guidelines

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**Purpose:** To establish procedures and guidelines to be used in the event of a flooded basement/ground floor.

In the case of a flooded basement/ground floor there is the danger of explosion/fire due to water entering furnaces, hot water heaters, electrical panels, etc.

Fire Company procedure shall be to:

1. If flooding caused by broken water main, alert County Radio to have water company respond to the scene.
2. If flooding is caused by broken domestic piping, attempt to shut water off by using valve closest to the break without entering the flooded area. If necessary, shut water off at street valve.
3. If flooding caused by storms/run-off, etc. attempt to divert water using dams, dikes, etc.
4. If utilities are threatened, shut-off gas, electric, oil, etc. running to flooded area. If gas is shut off, notify gas company immediately .

5. Do not enter water filled area unless satisfied that the water has not been electrified. If in doubt, do not enter water.
6. If necessary, use portable pump to remove. If a non-emergency, it is more desirable to leave the pump and 150 feet of 1 and 1/2 inch hose at the location and return later to pick it up, than to commit apparatus and manpower.