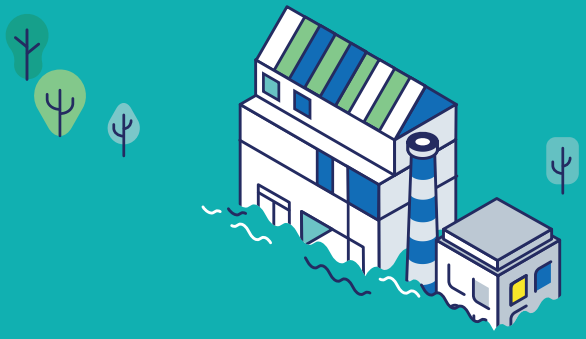


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WILL YOU BE READY FOR THE NEXT FLOOD?

ADVICE FOR BUSINESSES

SIMPLE MEASURES THAT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



When will the next flood occur?

Nobody knows. What we do know, however, is that a few simple things you can do before, during or after the flood can sometimes be enough to minimise the consequences for your business and your teams. That's the purpose of this short guide published by EPTB Seine Grands Lacs, creator of EPISEINE, a comprehensive information, awareness and recommendations system designed to help people in the Paris region protect themselves against the risk of flooding.

Want to find out more?

Visit the episeine.fr collaborative platform to find out all the practical information, online learning modules and sign up for training courses.

BEFORE THE FLOOD

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If you are in a flood zone, your company or business may not have electricity, heating, drinking water or sanitation for several days, or even several weeks if the flooding is severe. If you are not in a flood zone, you may still be affected by the indirect consequences of flooding:

- you may also be without electricity, heating, drinking water, sanitation, etc.
- your employees may no longer be able to come to work.
- your suppliers may be located in a flood zone.

ADVICE

- Is my business in a flood zone? To find out, I contact my local town hall or visit https://cartoviz.iau-idf.fr/.
- I contact my insurer: do I have cover against business interruption? Have I updated the amount of property covered?
- I draw up an organisation plan in the event of flooding: securing equipment, instructions for employees, relocation of all or part of the business to a temporary back-up site.
- I talk to the professionals around me.
- As soon as a flood is announced, I find out about the rising water and how it will affect my business: from my local council or at www.vigicrues.gouv.fr.

HOW CAN I HELP THOSE AROUND ME?



I identify which of my colleagues could be personally affected by the flooding so that I can raise their awareness and inform them of the existence of the episeine.fr website.

DURING THE FLOOD

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Floods in the Seine basin are slow: several days can pass between the time they are announced and the time they affect you. So it's essential to keep yourself informed, so that you have time to prepare before the water arrives.

ADVICE

- If there's a flood warning, I stay informed via the official media (prefecture, town hall, fire brigade, etc.).
- I protect what is essential to my business: I move sensitive, valuable or polluting equipment to a higher location. I ensure that my vehicles are parked outside the flood zone.
- I prohibit all my employees from walking or driving on roads that are already under water: there is a serious danger of being swept away or falling into a trap hidden underwater!
- I turn off the gas, heating and electricity.
- I apply the measures set out in my flood plan and organise myself to be as self-sufficient as possible, as the authorities won't be able to help everyone.

HOW CAN I HELP THOSE AROUND ME?



- I establish a support network among my colleagues for those directly affected by the floods.
- If I can, I will do my bit to show solidarity and provide assistance to people and companies in need.

AFTER

THE FLOOD

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Water that has overflowed is slow to drain away. Several days to several weeks can pass between the peak of the flood and the return to normal. This can be very damaging for your company or business despite the insurance you have taken out: hence the importance of having anticipated the flood.

ADVICE

- I stay informed of developments in the situation and follow the instructions given locally. Even though the water has started to recede, the situation remains potentially dangerous.
- I remain particularly cautious when returning to my premises. I do not reconnect networks without authorisation. If in doubt, I seek professional assistance.
- I compile a photographic report for the insurance company before discarding/cleaning/drying.
- I take very careful precautions before handling waste produced by flooding. It may be toxic or dangerous.
- I contact my insurer immediately. My consular chamber or federation can also help me deal with this situation.
- Once I've taken the necessary steps with my insurance company, I ventilate, disinfect and dry the premises that have been flooded as quickly as possible.

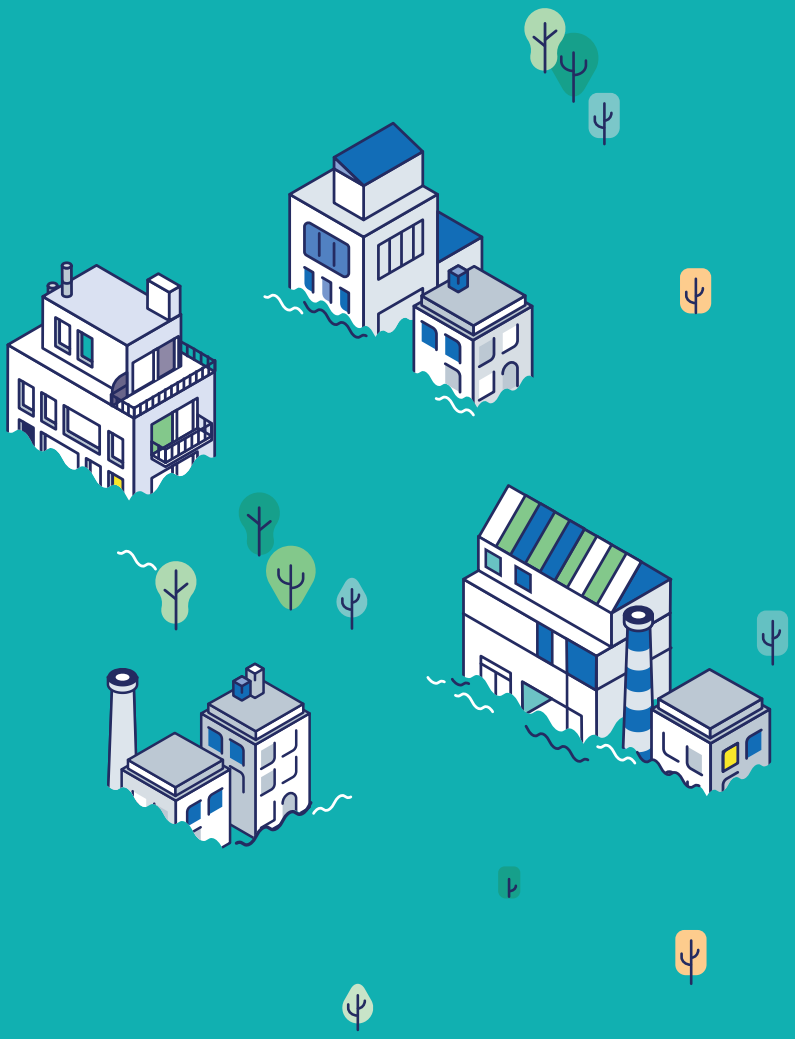
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- I establish a support network among my colleagues for those directly affected by the floods.
- If I have the opportunity, I do my bit to show solidarity and provide assistance to businesses in my area that have been hit by the floods: temporary hosting, provision of internet/telecom services, etc.

YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHEN THE NEXT FLOOD WILL OCCUR...

BUT NOW YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN IT DOES!



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FLOOD RISK FOLLOW THE YELLOW BUOY!

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