



Emergencies and You

Emergency Action Checklist for Civil Emergencies

The chances of you being caught up in a major emergency or disaster are low. Nevertheless it may happen and the following information shows you how you can be better prepared to protect yourself and others for differing types of emergency.

Type of Emergency	Beforehand	During/after the emergency
<p>Severe gale/storm (forecast gusts over 70mph)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure outdoor items Bring pets indoors Close doors and windows Draw curtains in case of flying glass Check on vulnerable neighbours Monitor TV/radio weather warnings (but unplug external TV aerial during thunderstorms) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay indoors until storm passes Check for damage, make safe if possible Beware fallen cables, weakened trees, loose masonry
<p>Flooding e.g. a "Flood Warning" or "Severe Flood Warning" is issued</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move possessions to a higher level Protect doorways and air vents with sandbags or floodboards Monitor TV weather reports, and the Environment Agency's Floodline 0845 988 1188 or website at: www.environment.agency.gov.uk Flood warnings are also on Ceefax page 419 & Teletext page 154 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your home is flooded turn off gas, electricity and water supplies Move upstairs if possible If trapped in deep flooding stay by a window and call for help When water recedes DON'T switch gas etc. back on until systems are inspected DO throw away food that has been in contact with flood water
<p>Toxic chemical or radiation release</p> <p>If you were very near a possible radiation or toxic chemical release and you think you may have become contaminated - wait for the Emergency Services. They will provide decontamination facilities. This will include asking you to remove any contaminated clothing and showering in portable shower units. Replacement clean/dry clothing will be provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go indoors and stay there Bring pets inside too Close outside doors, windows, air vents Turn off fans - hot air heating systems, ventilation, etc. Cover all unsealed fresh food Listen to your local radio station for further advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DON'T go outside until told it is safe to do so DON'T try to collect children from school unless instructed to - they will be looked after DON'T use rainwater, or eat locally grown vegetables until told they are safe DON'T leave the scene or take yourself to hospital if you think you're contaminated - WAIT for specialist advice

Need more information?

Please contact:

Waverley Borough Council
Out of hours emergency line
www.waverley.gov.uk/

01483 523333
02392 242161

Surrey County Council,
Emergency Planning Unit
www.surreycc.gov.uk/emergencyplanning
www.surreyalert.info

08456 009 009

For urgent assistance (police, fire, ambulance) always dial 999

In the event of fire, GET OUT and STAY OUT

Otherwise: GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN

In an emergency the authorities will broadcast safety information on local radio. Information will also be available on www.surreyalert.info

Local Radio Stations covering Waverley include:

BBC Southern Counties Radio Frequency 104 to 104.8 FM and 95 to 95.3 FM
Delta Radio Haslemere Frequency 97.1 FM
Delta Wey Valley Frequency 102 FM
Eagle Radio (County Sound) Frequency 96.4 FM

Keep essential Emergency Contact Numbers:

Name	Telephone Number

(Don't forget to keep these numbers up to date!)

This advice has been provided by Waverley Borough Council, based on information and guidance provided by UK Resilience and a model prepared by local authorities in Berkshire