

Business Flood Resilience

Environment Agency Overview

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Topics covered

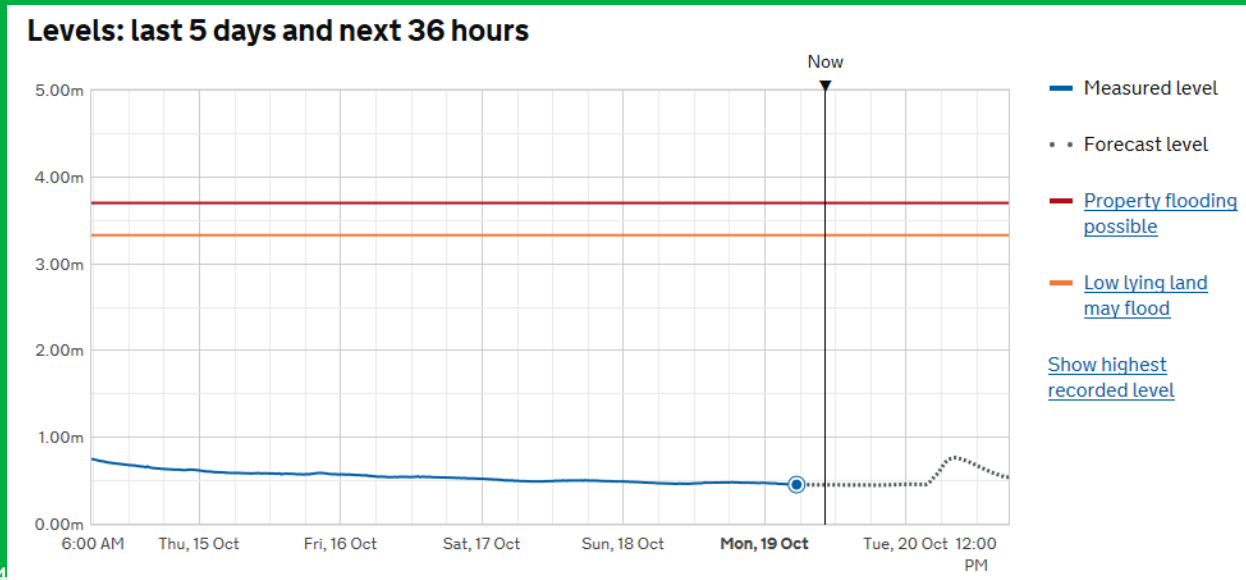
- Being aware of your flood risk
- Information resources
- Business flood plan
- Flood resilience and resistance
- Other considerations

Knowing your flood risk

- Find out if you are at flood risk via the gov.uk website
- Consider all mechanisms of flooding which could include:
 - Watercourses (Main River and Ordinary watercourses)
 - Surface water
 - Sewer (including combined and surface water sewers)
 - Groundwater
 - Find out if you are at flood risk via the gov.uk website
- If protected by Flood Defences be aware of any residual flood risk or potential for overtopping

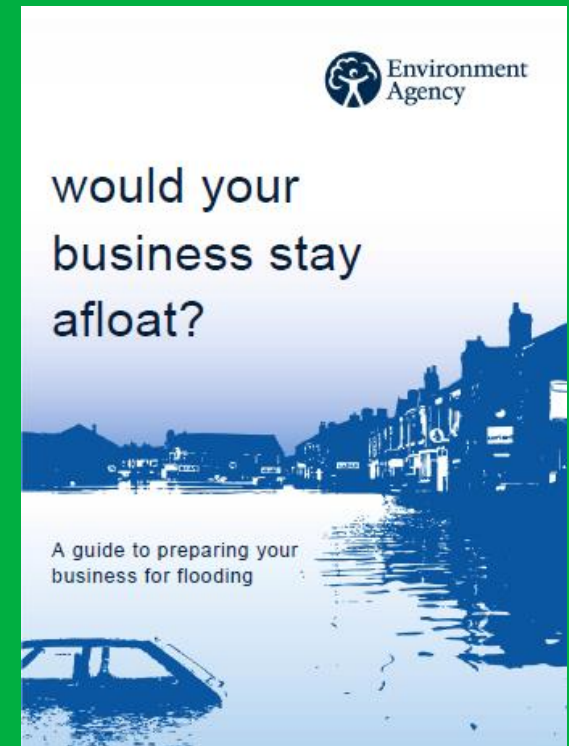
Prepare...

- Sign up for Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings in your area
- Use other useful tools such as:
 - 5 Day Flood Forecast
 - General weather forecast
 - Met Office Severe Weather Warnings
 - River Levels Online



Create / update a Business Flood Plan...

- Using Gov.uk website:
 - Link available to template for creating a business plan
 - Allows you to take clear actions based on specific triggers such as a Flood Alert or a Flood Warning being issued
- Your Local Planning Authority will have other help and guidance
- Business flood plan is a great way of having key information available including contacts, at short notice



Resistance vs Resilience

Your business may wish to consider flood resistance, resilience, or both.

- **Flood Resistance**

Measures to prevent any flood water entering your premises

- Solid floors
- Flood gates
- Pumps
- Air brick protection
- Non-return valves on drains

- **Flood Resilience**

Measures aimed at getting your business back to normal as swiftly as possible after flooding. You are accepting that flood water may enter your premises.

- Key equipment ready to be raised within the building
- Tiled surfaces which can be easily washed down after flooding
- Raised plug sockets

Other considerations

- Once you have developed a Business Flood Plan, keep testing it regularly and update it
- Consider the impacts of flooding on your supply chain – possibly off-site infrastructure such as a major access road that floods
- Consider in conjunction with other Business Continuity Plans e.g. may have loss of power if nearby sub-station floods.
- Many other sources of help and information available

