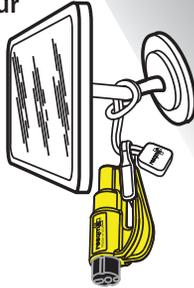


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# Turn Around, Don't Drown®

## THE FACTS:

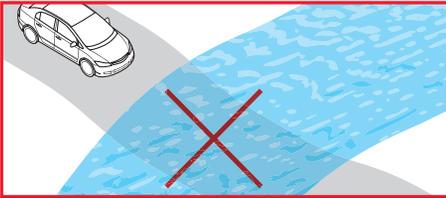
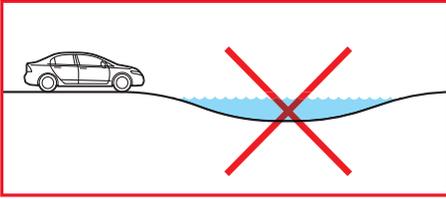
**50%** Of flood-related drownings occur in vehicles

**200** North Americans will drown in their vehicles during a flood this year

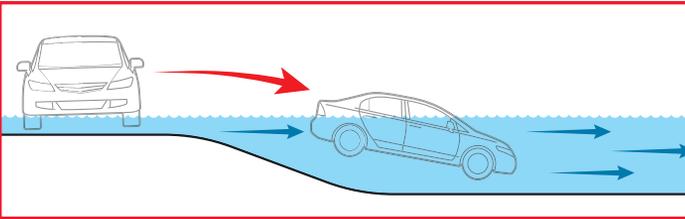
**1 foot (31cm)** of flowing water can move your car off a flooded road into deeper water where your car can sink

**Flash flooding** is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in North America

## TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN®\*



**Never drive into water on a flooded road.**  
Your vehicle may stall. Or worse...it may float away!



**A vehicle can float in as little as 36-48cm (14"-18") of water.** Once your vehicle floats up off the road, current can move it off the road to deeper water. Your vehicle will sink, and you could drown.

\* NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration

## IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STRANDED IN FLOOD WATER, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:



**SEATBELTS:** Off or cut.  
Confirm that the vehicle is not moving or sinking deeper in the water. It is stable for now.



**WINDOWS:** Open or break.  
Preferably the upstream window.  
**CHILDREN:** Undo their restraints. Oldest to youngest.



If the window can not be opened or broken,  
**OPEN DOOR:** On downstream side.  
**OUT:** Onto the roof, **children first.**



Wait for help as long as vehicle is stable. If vehicle starts to move and sink, prepare to wade or swim to the safest structure for safety (**only if vehicle sinks**).