This pamphlet aims to illustrate the following:

• Main causes of flooding in urban areas
• Current Government’s strategies to solve flooding problem
• Points to note when you are in place prone to flooding

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Clear refuse and silt in drains and channel intakes before heavy rain.

Install temporary pumps to pump out floodwater.

Have stop-boards and sandbags ready at the entrance.

Watchman to patrol all entrances during heavy rain. Install temporary stop-boards and close entrances when necessary.

Proper Precautions to Minimize Flood Losses

Pay attention to the latest weather forecast and rainstorm warnings from radio and television broadcast or from the internet.

Provide proper protection to essential facilities against flooding, such as by moving them to higher places.

Elevate entrance / floor levels, or install door sills / steps, especially at pedestrian and vehicular entrances to basements.

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Our Vision
To provide world-class wastewater and stormwater drainage services enabling the sustainable development of Hong Kong.
Main causes of flooding in urban areas

- Heavy or prolonged rainfall
- Aging or inadequate drainage system
- Blockage of drains or channel intakes by refuse, construction waste and other obstructions
- Low-lying topography

Current Government’s strategies

- Design and build large scale drainage systems including flood storage tanks and drainage tunnels to raise the flood protection level of existing drainage systems
- Implement local drainage improvement projects
- Carry out preventive maintenance work

Points to note:

Know the relative levels of the building and the adjacent roads. If flooding occurs, water may flow from adjacent roads into the building.

- Is it a flooding black spot?
- Has flooding occurred before?
- Is it low-lying?
- Is there a basement in the building?

Essential facilities of buildings and shopping malls, such as plant room, transformer room, lift shaft etc. are most vulnerable to flooding.

Basements are most vulnerable to flood risks and damages.

Inform Drainage Services Department immediately if flooding occurs.

Dial 999 for assistance if personal safety is under threat.