

Flood Policy
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School
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The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School has a Flood Plan and Policies for the safety of the staff and students. The Policies we follow are designed by Homeland Security, FEMA and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Guidelines are written in “Guide to Citizen Preparedness”.

WHAT TO DO:

1. Know the Terms: These terms will help you identify a flood hazard:

- **Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible. Tune into NOAA Weather Radio, Local Weather Channel. Cable T.V. for information
- **Flash Flood Watch:** Flash Flooding is Possible- High Fast Moving Water. Water can fill ditches, roads, bridges, basements quickly. **Be Prepared to Move to Higher Ground.**
- **Flood Warning:** Flood is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

2. Take Protective Measures: If a flood is likely in your area, you should :

- Listen to the radio or television for information.
- Be-aware that flash flooding can occur, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions.
- Be-aware of streams, drainage channels, culverts and other areas know to flood. Floods can occur with or without warning.

3. If you must evacuate, You should do the following:

- Secure your home.
- Move essential items to the upper floor.
- Turn off utilities and valves at the main switches.
- Disconnect all electrical appliances.
- Do not touch electrical appliances if you are wet or standing in water.

4. If you are leaving your home, remember these tips:

- **Do not walk through moving water:** Six inches of moving water can make you fall. Try to walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground.
- **Do not drive through flooded areas:** If floodwaters rise around your car abandon it and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be swept away.
- **Driving: Flood Facts: The following are important points to remember when driving in a flood area:**
 1. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and stalling.
 2. A foot of water will float most vehicles.

3. Two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles. (Buses, trucks, SUVs' and pick-ups.

5. Here are guidelines following a period of a flood:

- Listen for the news reports to learn weather the community's water **supply** is safe.
- Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated. Water may be electrically charged by underground cables or downed power lines.
- Avoid moving water.
- Be aware of areas where flood waters have receded. Roads may be weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them to the power company.
- Return home when authorities say it is safe.
- Stay out of buildings surrounded by flood waters.
- Use extreme caution when entering building, there may be hidden damage.
- Check you sewage systems for damage, they are a serious health hazard.
- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left can be contaminated.

6. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Policy For Staff and Students:

- Notification of Parents: Parents would be notified over the radio, television for information concerning the school and flooding.
- Staff would be contacted by the phone tree and on the local radio and television.
- The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School will monitor this problem daily.
- Parents or the reservation needs to contact the school concerning flooding problem and their location.
- Bus drivers will not pick up students if there is a danger of water over; roads, bridges, low spots flooded, washed out roads, ice jams or there is a chance of not being able to turn around safely and exit a flooding area.
- Extremely muddy roads may also be a problem while flooding occurs.
- Bus Drivers will be briefed on the conditions each day and it will be their decision while driving to decide what is safe.

1. Procedures concerning student and staff safety: If students cannot be transported home because of flooding there are two options;

- Parents can designate an alternate person, like a family member to send the students to a different location; we would need your permission. An emergency card can be filled out or a phone call could be used.
- The second option is the school has a **Shelter-In-Place Plan** to keep the students safe at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-shig School. The plan is prepared for this type of a situation. The school has food, shelter, water, transportation, back-up generator.