Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

FLOOD SAFETY

Avoid illness and injury in floodwaters

Floodwaters may contain:

- Snakes and insects
- Sharp objects and debris
- Oil, gasoline, industrial waste or raw sewage
- Downed power lines

Things to do:

- Keep **children and pets** from playing in flood water.
- **Clean and kill germs*** from all items touched by floodwaters, including children's toys.
- **Throw away**
  - items that cannot be easily washed and disinfected (such as mattresses, stuffed animals, baby toys, and wood cutting boards)
  - food that may have come in contact with flood waters
- **Wash hands often** with soap and clean water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

** use 1 cup of unscented household bleach in 5 gallons of water*

Seek **immediate attention** if you become injured or ill

Protect your family. Protect yourself. Avoid floodwaters!