

COSTEP MA VIRTUAL TABLETOP EXERCISE

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Scenario 2: Local flooding

At 6:00 am on a Thursday morning in late May, your director learns that localized overnight flooding has made it necessary to close the building. (Standing water is 1 ft. above ground level at your location.) Additional rain is forecast through Saturday. Power has been disrupted and area restoration is estimated to take 2–3 days. Even emergency staff are barred from the building until flood water recedes, and water has certainly penetrated your building. The building will be closed until water has been pumped out or receded, power is restored, and all systems reviewed by emergency personnel.

Discussion Questions

1. What will you need to do first? Second? Third?
2. What supplies or equipment will response require? Where will they come from?
3. Who should be alerted to the situation?
4. What challenges can be expected in applying your emergency response plan in these circumstances?

Scenarios adapted from Library of Congress, Level of Collections Emergency Scenarios, <https://www.loc.gov/preservation/emergprep/plan/scenarios.html>.