



# Safety Gram

## US Army Garrison Daegu



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## Monsoon Safety

**Monsoon Season (Jangma).** From the beginning of July through the end of September, the Korean peninsula experiences monsoon season bringing heavy rains to many parts of the peninsula. These rains often cause flooding. Floodwaters may be deceptively deep and fast-moving. The fast moving waters may lead to injury, property damage and potentially death. Flash floods occur when sudden heavy rains cause a sudden rise in water levels. Urban areas are especially prone to flash flooding with the impermeable surfaces not allowing the water to seep into the ground. Apply risk management to all activities during the monsoon season.



### **Before a flood:**



- Keep alert for signs of heavy rain and plan accordingly
- Know where high ground is and how you will get there quickly
- Plan an evacuation route (primary and alternate)
- Have emergency supplies
- Do not park next to streams or at the base of a hill: Mud slides down hill
- If living off base know where the evacuation assembly area is

### **During a flood:**



- If outside move to high ground immediately
- Do not cross flooded streets
- If your vehicle stalls during a street crossing, abandon it
- Listen to weather updates online or via AFN Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) web site: <http://web.kma.go.kr/eng/weather/typhoon/typhoon.jsp>
- Turn off electricity and gas (apartment complex management will do this)
- If instructed to evacuate do so quickly to high ground

### **During evacuation:**

- Avoid already flooded and high velocity water flow areas.
- Do not attempt to drive through flooded areas
- Avoid heavy floating objects like cars, boxes or other debris. Like an iceberg most of the object will be under water and could injure you

### **Contact information.**

- ◆ Fire / Police / Ambulance: 0503-364-5911 (DSN: 911)
- ◆ Off post Emergency Telephone: 119
- ◆ DPW Service Order Desk (B-1639, Camp Henry): 763-4824
- ◆ USAG Daegu Safety and Occupational Health Office: 763-5993

### **CAUTION!**

Annual monsoon rains often uncover old *Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)* dating back to the Korean War. **If you find UXO, DON'T TOUCH IT!**

**Recognize ==> Retreat ==> Report**

