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PRESS RELEASE

NH AND MAINE FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IS MARCH 14-18, 2022

CONCORD, N.H. – During this year's Flood Safety Awareness Week, New Hampshire and Maine are partnering to provide resources and preparedness information to residents and visitors.

In 2021, 146 people in the United States died during floods, according to the National Weather Service.

Flooding is the top natural disaster threat to the Granite State and is the second highest natural disaster threat in Maine. In 2021, New Hampshire had two federally declared disasters and Maine had one federally declared disaster due to damages from flooding.

Each day during New Hampshire and Maine Flood Safety Awareness week (Monday, March 14, until Friday, March 18, 2022), the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management along with the Maine Emergency Management Agency, New Hampshire and Maine Floodplain Management programs, and the New Hampshire Insurance Department and Maine Bureau of Insurance will share information on how to be prepared before, during and after a flood.

The agencies offer the following resources for preparation before, during and after a flood:

- Emergency preparedness information for individuals can be found at ReadyNH.gov or Maine.gov/MEMA.
- "Low Risk Doesn't Mean No Risk": A website compilation from the NH Floodplain Management Program with fact sheets, social media messaging and links to more resources.
- Information on the Floodplain Management Program in New Hampshire and Maine, including the National Flood Insurance Program, mapping resources, ordinances and links to other resources.
- Flood insurance information for homeowners, property owners and business owners in <u>New Hampshire</u> and <u>Maine</u>.

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