

# Low risk doesn't mean no risk!

New Hampshire Flood Safety Awareness Week | March 14-18, 2022 | #NHFloodWeek  
New Hampshire Floodplain Management Program

## Flooding is the most common disaster in NH.



*Flooding in Portsmouth, NH*

Flooding continues to be the most common and costly type of disaster that happens in New Hampshire. For this reason, many communities have opted to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and have adopted Floodplain Development Regulations that incorporate at least the minimum federal regulations for development in flood-prone areas.

In addition, adopting higher floodplain regulations can further improve a community's resiliency to future floods by reducing potential loss of life, property and environmental damage, displacement of residents, disruption of businesses, and the burden on community infrastructure, services, and staff.

The Office of Planning and Development (OPD) has a [Menu of Higher Floodplain Standards](#) available for communities to use as a guide when adopting Floodplain Development Regulations, including for communities with moderate- to low-risk areas. Learn more about [Floodplain Regulations](#) on OPD's website.

Learn more about [New Hampshire Flood Safety Awareness Week](#).

Visit [FloodSmart.gov](#) to learn more about flood insurance.

Visit [ReadyNH.gov](#) to learn how to be ready when a flood happens.