



Horses and floods

Have a flood plan

In a flood, you need somewhere safe to shelter. Your animals need somewhere safe as well. Planning ahead for your own safety and the safety of animals in your care is essential. Starting to develop your flood plan could be as simple as having a conversation with your household about:

- is your horse paddock or stables flood prone?
- are you likely to need to evacuate your horses? If so, where will they go? How will they get there?
- who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

Be prepared

- ✓ Include horses in your household/property emergency plan
- ✓ Create an emergency kit which can be easily relocated with your animals if necessary, and includes copies of stock information and identification, proof of ownership, and photographs of valuable animals
- ✓ Plan evacuation routes – consider several alternate routes to ensure rapid evacuation
- ✓ Ensure equipment and vehicles are in proper working condition

- ✓ If your property is in danger of flooding, move horses to the highest area of the property
- ✓ Consider opening internal property gates to allow horses to move between paddocks to dry ground
- ✓ Provide enough supplementary feed (such as hay) and water to last at least five days. Put it in an area least likely to flood.
- ✓ **Do not** cut fences along roadsides or leave external property gates open
- ✓ Do not leave shelter to check animals until safe to do so.

Identification

All livestock, including horses, should be appropriately identified and registered.

Visit agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-movement-identification/livestock-ownership-identification-and-movement-western-australia

Flood warnings

Flood warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au