

## Special Flood Hazard Area Awareness – Safety Tips

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2. Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.
3. Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out and stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Power Company or City emergency management office.

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