

# KNOW WHAT TO DO IF FLOODING HAPPENS IN BRIXHAM

BEING PREPARED COULD SAVE YOUR FAMILY, POSSESSIONS AND LIVELIHOOD



## What would you hate to lose in a flood?

Pets, photographs, wedding dress, children's toys, important documents...all these things can be lost if you are unfortunate enough to be flooded. Are you at risk from flooding?

The Environment Agency has identified areas at risk of flash flooding, following the flash flood event that happened in Boscastle in 2004. There are 112 communities at risk of flash flooding across the South West. 68 of these are at a very high or high risk. **Brixham is at a very high risk of flash flooding and up to 600 properties could be at risk.**

Sudden intense rainfall can be very destructive and dangerous: flooding homes, moving rocks, tearing out trees, sweeping away vehicles and damaging buildings, walls and bridges. Flash flooding can also happen where drainage systems are unable to cope with extreme rainfall. Did you know that you can be swept away in just 2 inches of fast flowing water? A vehicle can float in just 2 feet of water? (The nearby communities of Torquay, Paignton, Galampton and Churston Ferrers are also at risk of flash flooding).

**BRIXHAM** is at risk of flooding from the Higher Brixham Watercourse and Lupton Watercourse as well as surface water and tidal flooding.

Visit [www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy](http://www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy) and prepare a personal flood plan.

Use the Environment Agency's maps to find out if you are at risk from flooding. **Better still, share the load, come to one of Brixham Community Flood plan short events to see maps, meet others (want to form a group for your street?) meet suppliers for flood prevention too. Brixham Town Hall website will have a page on their website with information and contact numbers too.** <http://www.brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

**Floodline: 0345 988 1188 or 0845 988 1188**