

Mercy: A few steps to minimise flood risks

KUALA LUMPUR: Mercy Malaysia has released an advisory on preemptive steps in the event of a flood.

The steps include preparing a waterproof container for valuables and important documents, placing sandbags as barriers to prevent water from flowing into the house and placing sandbags in toilet bowls to prevent sewage from flowing back.

"Secure your house before leaving and ensure the furniture and electrical appliances are raised to a higher level. Also, empty the refrigerator and leave its door open to avoid damage," the statement said.

Flood victims are advised not to drive into flooded areas and should leave their cars and move to higher ground as flooded roads can also weaken or collapse.

They are also advised to stay away from fallen power lines and not to use gas or electrical appliances that have been submerged in flood water.

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