



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ROAD SIGNS



Flash Flooding in Texas is an all too common sight. Yet, despite the flooding that occurs in the state every year, generally in the spring (March and April) and early Fall (September), many people still do not fully understand the danger.

These are floods that develop rapidly over the course of a short period of time. Even when the sky looks clear, water travels fast and distant rain can turn a small stream into a torrent in a matter of minutes or hours.

This danger is especially apparent in the many low-water crossings our vehicles pass through every day. Even if the water does not initially appear deep or fast-moving, it can be deceptive. A vehicle can become buoyant in just 6 inches of water. One foot of water moving at 1 foot per second generates over 500 pounds of force.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT) has developed these signs to make motor vehicle operators more aware of the hazards on the roadway and to help them better avoid potentially dangerous flood water situations.

PLEASE, WHEN FLOODED...
TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.



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