The State Emergency Service has a website with a map of Victoria, where you can find current flood information for across the state. This information can help you to make decisions for your own safety.

If there is a risk of flooding, the Bureau of Meteorology will identify this potential. BOM will work with the SES to notify the community of any flood possibility.

Two different announcements may be broadcast: Flood Watch and Flood Warning.

A Flood Watch is announced when there is flooding predicted for a given area. It is usually announced 24 to 36 hours before a possible flood. When you see a Flood Watch for your area, you need to take action.

A Flood Warning is announced when a flood will definitely occur or has already started. If you are in a high-risk area such as near waterways when a Flood Warning is announced, you must take action immediately.

There are three levels of Flood Warning. These three levels are based on information about the nature of the flood, the size of the flood and the expected flood water level.

If a Minor Flood Warning is announced, creeks and rivers may be at capacity but not yet overflowing.

Some nearby roads and low-hanging bridges may be closed.

Low-lying areas of some properties and farms may be inundated.

If you have any animals, stock feed or equipment, such as lawnmowers or other machinery,

or hazardous chemicals such as petrol, pesticides or other poison, move everything up high away from the ground to avoid the risk of damage from flood water, and to avoid the risk of it being carried away in flood water.

Move all electrical appliances up high away from the ground as well.

Camping grounds and caravan parks near waterways may need to relocate to higher ground.

If a Moderate Flood Warning is announced, creeks and rivers may be at capacity and overflowing.

Homes, properties, farms and businesses may be flooded.

Some buildings may need to be evacuated.

Caravan parks will need to relocate to higher ground.

More roads will be closed, including main roads.

As for minor floods, move any animals, stock feed, equipment or hazardous chemicals to higher ground.

If a Major Flood Warning is announced, creeks and rivers will be overflowing and inundating surrounding areas.

Most roads will be closed.

Homes, properties and businesses will be severely flooded.

Properties or towns may be surrounded by flood water and isolated for several days.

Animal, stock and equipment losses can be expected.

You may need to evacuate if there is a Major Flood Warning.

This level of Flood Warning reflects similar conditions to the major Queensland floods in 2011 and 2015.

Wherever you are, it is important that you know your area.

If there is a flood, have your plan ready to put in action. Keep an eye out for Flood Watch or Flood Warning announcements. These announcements can help you make decisions about when to leave early.

Remember that you may not always receive a flood warning, as not all areas of Victoria have a flood warning system. Sometimes flash flooding occurs too quickly for warnings to reach people.

Do not wait for a flood warning to take action.

If you are concerned about the risk of flood, talk to your neighbours about their plans.

If the emergency services arrive to evacuate your area, make sure you follow their instructions.

wConsider how you, your family and friends can be safe during a flood.