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## **MUNICIPAL BASIC PLAN OF ACTION IN CASE OF INTENSE RAINS AND FLOODS.**

Dear Neighbours of Els Poblets,

It is already almost one year from the flood of October 12th and normality has been restored in the municipality, although it is impossible to forget the unleashed force of nature.

However we are not defenceless. The harsh experience gained and the later reflection on what happened will serve to make us ready for similar situations.

We hope that we never suffer a catastrophe of this type again, but if it happens, all of us should obey the safety regulation indicated.

Therefore, and with maximum municipal authority, as a precaution against future flooding of the river Girona, torrential rains and other natural disasters and while waiting for the Plan of Emergency, still being written by the Generalitat Valenciana, I decree provisionally the present Municipal Basic Plan of Performance in the event of Intense Rains and Floods, with the purpose of reducing personal risks and material damages

A very cordial greeting.

Jaime Ivars Mut  
Mayor, Els Poblets.

### **What is it?**

It is a basic protocol of performance for the population, personnel of the Town Hall and Civil Protection in the event of flooding of the river, torrential rains, or some other natural or human catastrophe of similar effects.

### **Who can Initiate it and How?**

The Mayor, or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor or, in the absence of both, the Chief of Police.

The responsible person should contact the rest of the personnel involved and alert them to set in motion the emergency plans. The preliminary warning will put personnel on a pre-emergency state so that they can be easily located in the event of full emergency.

### **What are the human means and materials at your disposal?**

The human means includes two groups: one of control and another of action

At a minimum, the control group will comprise the Mayor aided by an engineer and administrative personnel of the Town Hall that the Mayor decides to summon. Their operative base is the Town Hall.

At a minimum, the action group will comprise:

Personnel of the Local Police: all personnel of the Local Police, with two vehicles.

Personnel of Works Squad: Chief of Works, six workers of the squad (if possible, of different specialities), together with six vehicles.

Personnel of Civil Protection: the whole personnel of local Civil Protection.



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## How must the Population act?

In the event of strong rains, the population must take the following basic measures of protection:

Information: Be on the alert for news of forecasts of strong rains.

Prevention:

- To prepare the house for the strong rains: repair roofs; unblock down pipes and drains, get in provision of foods (durable and not refrigerated), lanterns, and batteries.
- Prepare the garden, ground floors and especially basements.
- A small battery operated radio is especially useful if you lose electricity to enable you to continue to receive information.
- Do not to leave alone people with reduced capacity.
- Park the car in high areas (non-floodable).
- Keep all valuable documents in a closed, hermetic box in a high and protected place (if available, on the top floor).
- Don't make journeys unless they are strictly necessary. The roads could be blocked and you could be cut off and it would be impossible to help you.

Action: If the situation becomes really serious, remember that your life is the most important thing.

- Consider the possibility of abandoning your house voluntarily if you know that it is in an area of high risk, going to a relative's house or friend. It will be safer.
- Follow the instructions of the authorities quickly but without panic.
- Use the telephone for only really necessary calls so as not to overload the lines and hindering the performance of the authorities.
- **EVACUATION.** If you are given an evacuation order, obey it. Make sure of gathering your valuables and leave quickly. Turn off the electricity and water (as you do when going on holiday). If you don't have any place to stay, the authorities will provide refuge and help during the whole period of the emergency.

## How will the authorities act?

The function of the emergency will be orchestrated on the hypothesis drafted on a flood like that of 2007:

Control Centre.

The Town Hall will be established as the Control Centre. There the personnel of the Town Hall, Local Police, and Civil Protection assigned to the plan will go exclusively. From there all the performances will be coordinated.

Some of the personnel of the works squad will watch over the river in the non-urban area, while the local police will take charge of the urban area. Civil protection will take charge of directing traffic to the suitable roads.

In the event of an order of EVACUATION the local police, aided in part by the personnel of the works squad, will take charge of executing it, announcing it from the megaphones of its vehicles and later checking that nobody is left. The evacuation will also be announced on the radio. The population will be directed to the emergency aid centre.



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## Emergency Aid Centre.

The emergency aid centre for the population will be the Works Squad Warehouse (Ptda. BARRANQUETS C / 10). There exists here a parking area and in the premises, food, medicine, blankets, and other aid materials will be available. Medical attention will also be provided here together with temporary cover until those affected can be re-housed.

Access will be cut to the town, to avoid traffic on the CV-723 over the bridge.

- The entrance will be cut from Miraflor at the cemetery.
- The entrance to Setla and Mirarrosa will be cut at the new roundabout of Flotes and from Las Marinas in Camino Guadiana at Restaurant La Bresca.
- In Las Marinas, the road will be closed at the bridge over the river Girona and in Camino Guadiana; the closing of the bridge over the Girona will be indicated.

## Where to take the cars?

In the event of evacuation, without crossing the River Girona, the cars will go to the following secure areas:

Partida Buscarrons - in the vicinity of the old railroad.

Partida Barranquets - area of La Botija and California 6B (new urbanization).