

Safety Alert

Ford Crossings

Please do not cross fords in a flood event

- Ford crossings can rise and fall very quickly in heavy rain, becoming a significant hazard to crews.
- Crossing fords in flood can be extremely dangerous as they can wash vehicles downstream, flood machines and trap people in or on their vehicles.
- Identify controls for managing fords and include them in your Hazard ID. Have a monitoring plan, crossing limits and an alternative access plan.
- If raining heavily, monitor the water level of the crossing regularly, leave the forest if water levels are getting too high.
- As a rule of thumb if the water is over your vehicle wheel height do not cross.
- If in doubt, do not cross the ford, use the alternative access plan.

Thank you.

