The information in this document represents two years of data collected by the Texas Flood Registry from April 2018 to April 2020. [1]

**Over 20,000 Respondents**
The Texas Flood Registry is the first registry of its kind to track the health and housing impacts of a natural disaster. Since the Registry’s launch in April 2018, 20,067 Texans have shared their experiences from various major storms across the region.

**Health Impacts in Flooded Homes**
Respondents whose homes flooded were more likely to experience self-reported adverse health effects.

![Health Symptoms Reported by Respondents With Flooded Homes](chart)

**Health Impacts of Skin Coming Into Contact with Floodwaters**
Respondents whose skin came into contact with floodwaters were also more likely to report adverse health effects than those whose skin did not come into contact with floodwaters.

![Health Symptoms Reported by Respondents Whose Skin Came Into Contact With Floodwaters](chart)

**What can we do to prevent health impacts caused by floodwaters?**
Floodwater can cause both short-term and long-term health effects. To help prevent health risks amongst your loved ones, the CDC suggests following these tips during flooding events:
- Don’t drive in flooded areas — turn around, don’t drown!
- Stay out of floodwater to prevent injuries, infection, and diarrheal disease. If you are exposed to floodwater or must enter floodwater
  - wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles
  - prevent infection of open wounds and rashes, including animal and insect bites, with waterproof bandages
  - deliver prompt first aid to injuries sustained in floodwater.
- Do not eat or drink anything contaminated by floodwater.

For more information from the CDC, visit [https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/extreme_weather/floods-standingwater.html](https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/extreme_weather/floods-standingwater.html).

To read the full article about the Texas Flood Registry, visit [https://www.nature.com/articles/s41370-021-00347-z](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41370-021-00347-z).