

Drinking water safety in a disaster



During a disaster, your tap water may not be safe to drink. Drinking contaminated water can make you very sick.



FOLLOW LOCAL ADVICE

Your local council or water utility might tell you to boil your water and how to collect another source of water.



Once boiled water has cooled, you can use this water for:

- ✓ drinking
- ✓ preparing baby formula
- ✓ hand washing
- ✓ preparing food and cooking
- ✓ brushing teeth
- ✓ bathing infants
- ✓ making ice.

Boil water with an electric kettle. If you have no power, a saucepan on a gas stove, barbecue or portable gas cooker will also work to boil water.

Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) at any time.

Contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for your nearest Public Health Unit.

If you or anyone in your household is experiencing any health effects from contaminated drinking water, seek medical advice from your doctor.



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