

AM I AT RISK?

The recent weather may have already provided ample evidence about whether you live in an area at risk from flooding.

But if you are not facing rising flood waters right now, how do you know whether your house is at risk from flooding in the future?

Flooding falls into different categories: from sea and rivers, ordinary watercourses, reservoirs, groundwater and surface flooding. In December 2013, the Environment Agency launched its new and updated flood risk maps, available to view to the public. The Environment Agency's postcode search map covers most but not all of these categories.

In addition to its live flood risk maps, the Environment Agency provides an online postcode search for England and Wales, enabling people to find out if the area where they live is at risk from flooding.

When purchasing a house in an area that looks like it is at risk from flooding, many experts would advise having an extensive flood search done to give a fuller picture. This would generally be organised by the buyer's solicitor

Causes of Flooding

