

## [Flooding and Homeowners Insurance: What you need to know](#)

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### **Unfair Practices by Insurance Companies**

#### **The Need for Separate Flood Insurance Coverage**

A flood is one of the most devastating natural disasters that can occur. However, your standard homeowners insurance policy doesn't cover flooding.

Flood insurance can cover your home and personal belongings in the event of a flood caused by hurricanes, heavy rains, or other natural disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which provides subsidized insurance to homeowners in many communities. Federally regulated mortgages located within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) must have flood insurance. Lenders may require flood insurance even if your home does not fall within a high-risk flood zone or SFHA.

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## Understanding Flood Insurance Coverage

Typically, flood insurance policies include two types of coverage: building coverage and belongings coverage. It covers structural damages, including flooring, carpeting, garages, porches, and more. It is required by most mortgage lenders if you live in an area with high flood risk. Personal items, such as appliances and clothing, are covered by belongings or contents coverage.

Insurers do not cover all types of flooding. Sewer backups, mudflows, torrential downpours, hurricanes, collapse of land along a body of water, rapid runoff due to heavy rain, and basement flooding are some of the common causes of flooding covered by most policies. It is usually excluded from the policy instances of water damage which could have been prevented, such as toilet backups and roof leaks.

## Protecting Your Home and Peace of Mind

It takes 30 days for flood insurance to kick in. If you wait until a flood warning is issued, you may be unable to purchase a policy. Private insurance companies may have shorter waiting periods, but you should still plan for the 30-day wait period.

Lawyers play a crucial role in assisting individuals when it comes to navigating the complexities of flood insurance and protecting their homes and belongings. When faced with the aftermath of a flood, policyholders may encounter challenges in obtaining the coverage they need to recover and rebuild. This is where a knowledgeable attorney can step in to provide guidance and support.

One of the primary ways we can help is by carefully reviewing the terms and conditions of the flood insurance policy. They possess the expertise to interpret the policy language and understand the coverage limits, exclusions, and obligations of the insurance provider. By thoroughly analyzing the policy, we can identify potential areas of dispute and develop strategies to strengthen the policyholder's claim.

The insurance provider may refuse to pay for covered damage, but you do have options. Consulting an experienced lawyer can help determine whether you have a strong claim.

## Understanding Flood Insurance Coverage

In addition to obtaining flood insurance, seeking legal assistance can be valuable if you encounter difficulties with your insurance provider. Consulting an experienced lawyer who specializes in insurance claims can help you navigate the complexities of your policy and ensure you receive the coverage you deserve.

In summary, lawyers are essential allies for individuals dealing with flood insurance claims. From policy analysis to negotiation and, if necessary, litigation. We have the expertise and experience to guide policyholders through the complex insurance landscape.

By seeking legal representation, individuals can level the playing field and increase their chances of obtaining the coverage they need to rebuild and recover after a devastating flood.

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