




Flood Prevention TIPS

Flooding is one of the most common claims for Michigan school districts. The state's unpredictable rainfall and fast-melting of heavy snow accumulation are factors that contribute to these costly claims.

Follow these guidelines outlined by our Loss Control Team to protect your district from flooding.

- Verify storm drains are functioning correctly with local drain commission
- Regularly inspect, clean and maintain surface and underground drains, eaves, scuppers and downspouts
- Establish a response team to mitigate flood damage and post contact information in an accessible area
- Install backflow prevention valves to minimize the flow of sewage into buildings
- Grade ground away from buildings or add additional drainage
- Winterize and insulate plumbing in cold zones or unheated areas
- Map and display water shutoff locations

A photograph showing two orange traffic cones with reflective white stripes on a wet, icy road surface. The background is a blurred, overcast sky and distant road markings.

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