



Are you flood ready?

Extreme Weather

FACTSHEET



1. The average number of **climate-related disasters** in Europe has **doubled** in the last ten years.
2. **20,000** deaths are attributed to the European **heat-wave** of 2003.
3. **600,000** people were affected by the European **floods** of 2002, with economic losses topping **£10 billion** and causing **100** deaths.
4. The most **dramatic flooding** in UK history was in 1829, when the River Findhorn, in Scotland, rose in height by **15 metres**.
5. The **heaviest rain** recorded in 24 hours in the UK was **279.4mm** in Martinstown, Dorset, in 1955.
6. The **worst flash flood** in the US occurred in 1972, when **237** were killed along Rapid Creek in South Dakota. **140** campers also died in the Big Thompson canyon near Denver, Colorado.
7. **1,442** people died in **storms** in the US between 1994 and 2000. Each year, damages amount to around \$1 billion.