

# FLOOD FACTS

Property, land and assets to the value of £214 billion are at risk of flooding in England and Wales

781,000 calls were made to Floodline during the Autumn 2000 Floods



Two million homes have been built in the natural floodplain of rivers or the coast and are vulnerable to flooding

Five million people in England and Wales are now at risk from flooding every year



**Flood areas June /July 2007**

Four inches of water will ruin your carpet, six inches of fast flowing water will knock you off your feet; and two feet of water will float your car

In many cases rivers play no part in flooding. In 2007 1,400 London properties, 8,000 Hull properties and a further 1,800 in Thatcham were flooded solely due to drains, sewers and culverts

The Association of British Insurers estimated the total bill for the June and July 2007 floods at £3 billion.