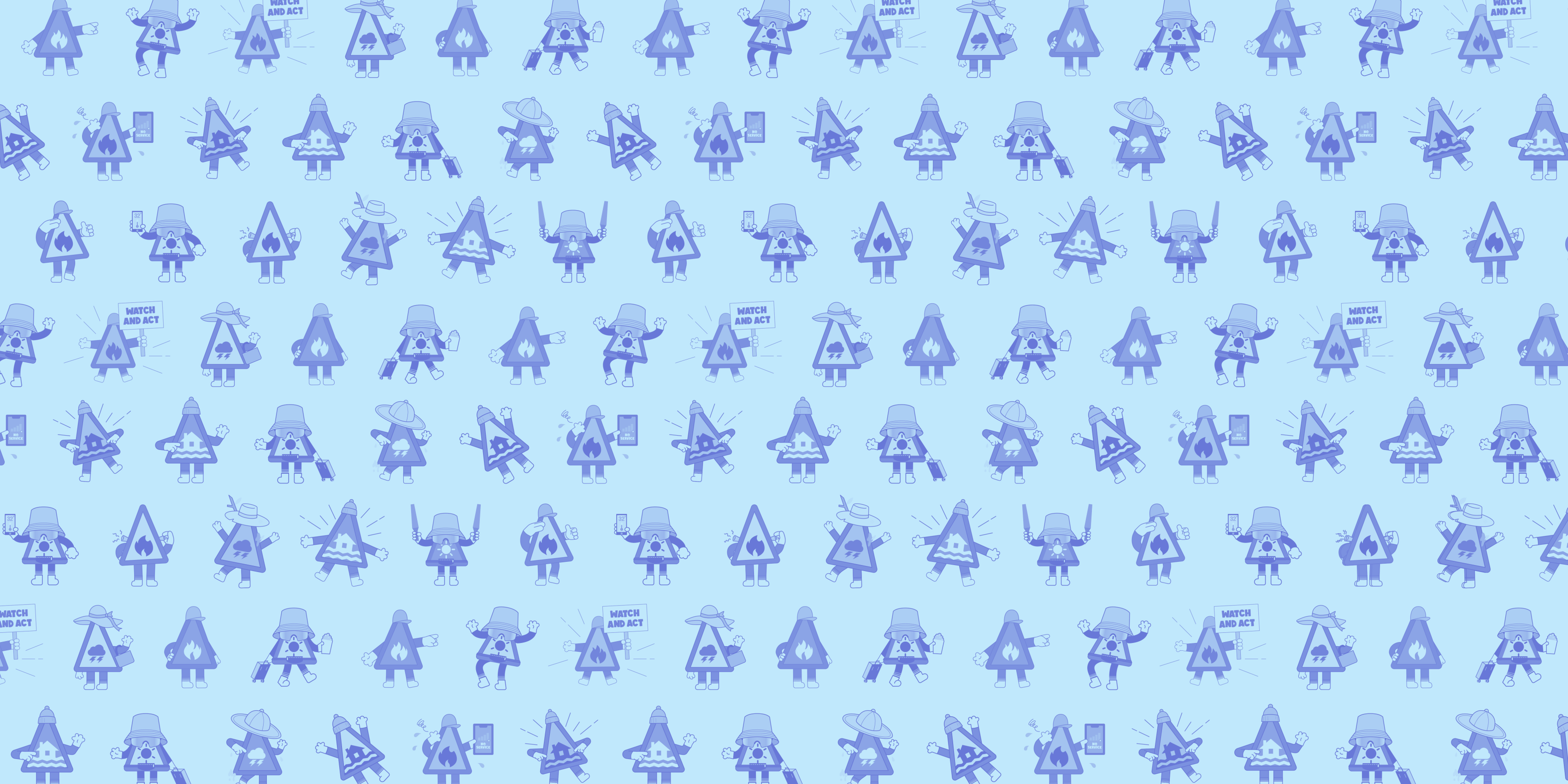


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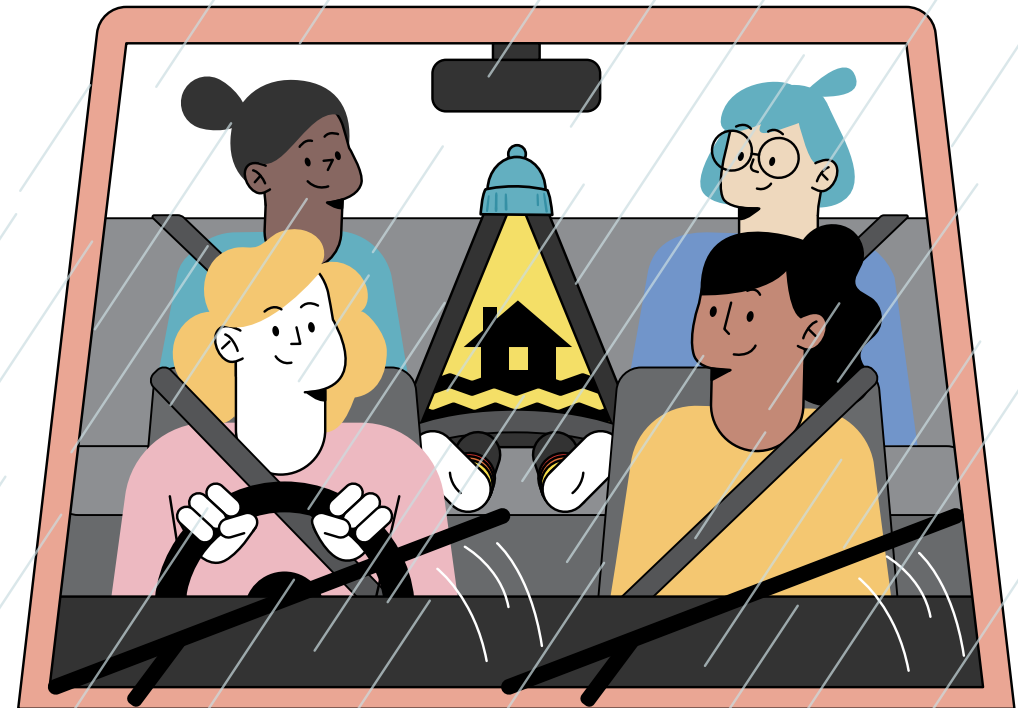


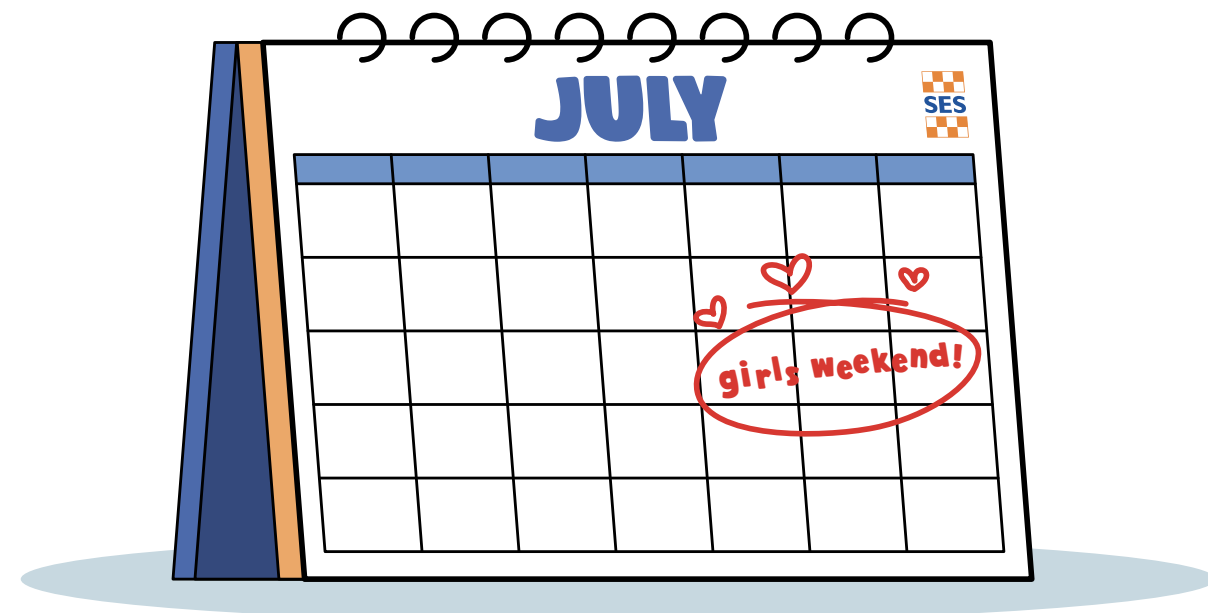
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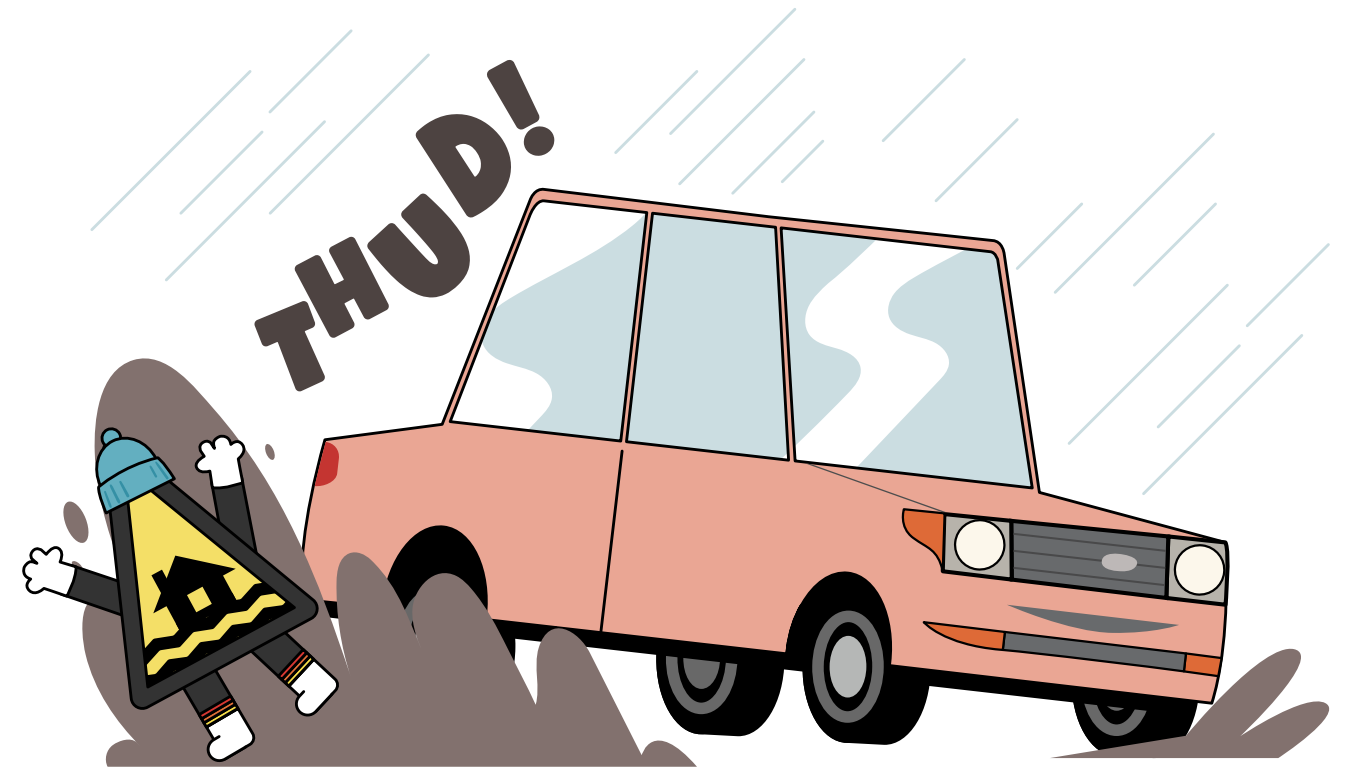




It's time for the annual girls' weekend.  
Six months in the making. It's hard to wrangle friends.  
Georgia has three kids. Anika is always sick.  
Lin works weekends, and Fatima's boyfriend is a... constant plus one.



But now, the gang is back together again!  
Ready to take on the world! And be in bed by 10.  
They jump in the car on a Friday afternoon.  
Only to learn it's meant to rain. Quite a lot. Quite soon.



They're driving, then THUD! Their trip took a twist!  
"OMG, Georgia, whatever it was, I don't think you missed!"



From the side of the road, covered in mud,  
a yellow warning sign appears.  
It has some **ADVICE**, “**STAY INFORMED** about riverine flood!”

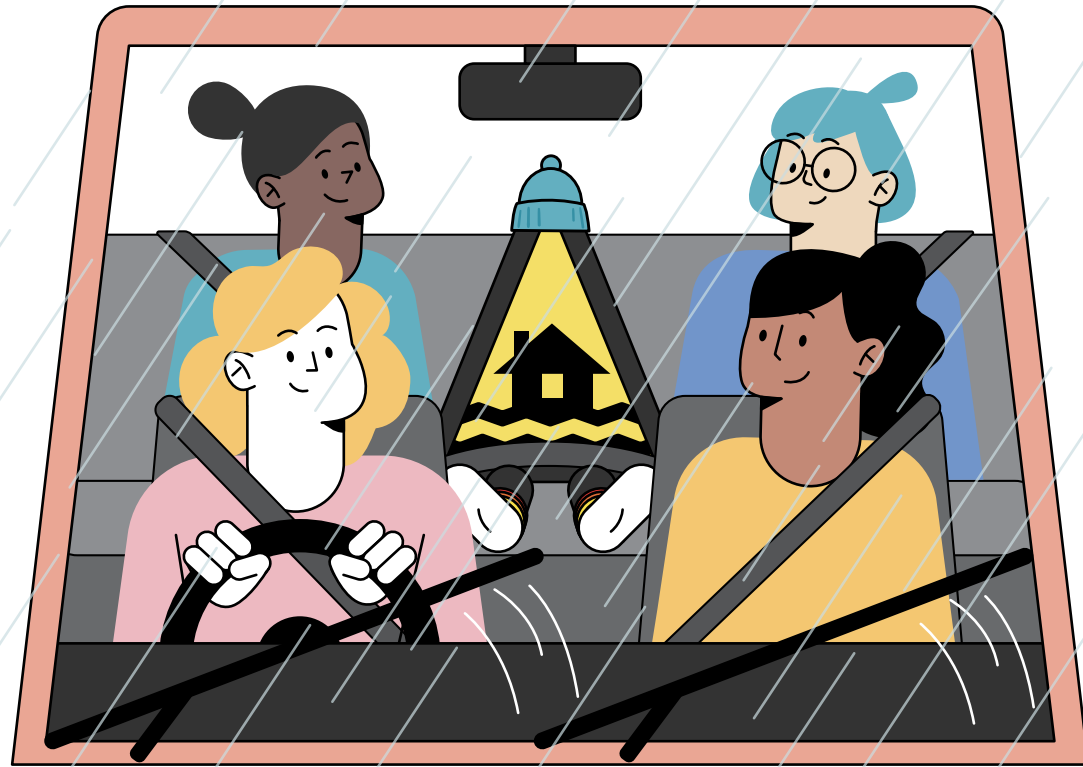
“If it’s going to flood, is it still safe to go?”  
“Yeah of course, it’s just rain – just ignore it, you know!”



The warning sign huffed.  
It was unimpressed.  
It had advice to give.  
It tried its best.

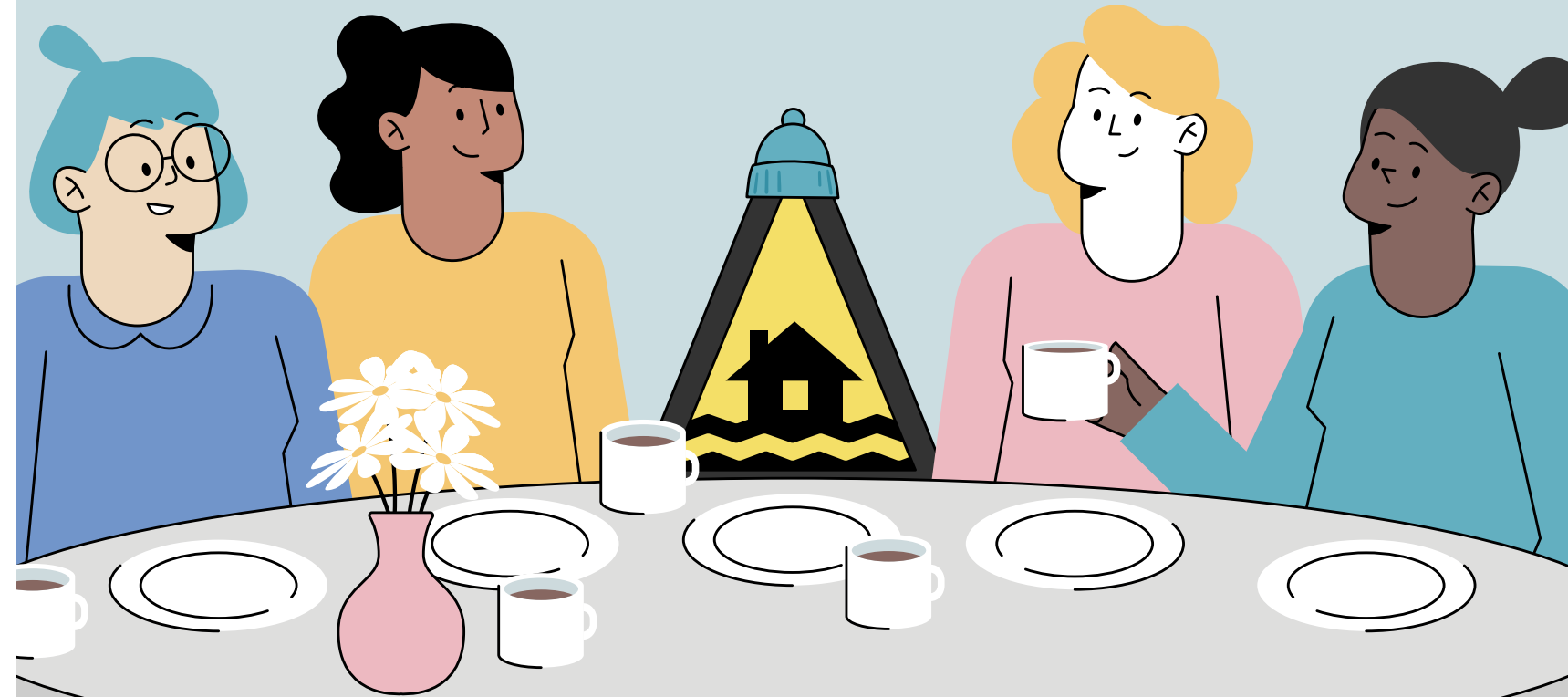






It was determined to make sure the girls stayed alive.  
They sure needed help. It'd seen Georgia drive.

Morning dawns slowly, their heads full of cheer.  
After a night full of laughter, their minds not so clear.



The girls had planned for a walk after brunch. But the sign knew danger was coming – it was more than a hunch.



From yellow it changed to an orange **WATCH AND ACT.**  
Water was rising. It wasn't safe, now that was a fact.



The warning sign told them to **MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND.**  
So they did, and found a charming cabin in an unaffected town.



A cosy afternoon filled with movies galore.  
Rom-coms, and now a tear jerker. Just one more.

As they sat and watched, tears forming.  
A notification from the VicEmergency app:  
their original destination receiving an **EMERGENCY WARNING**.

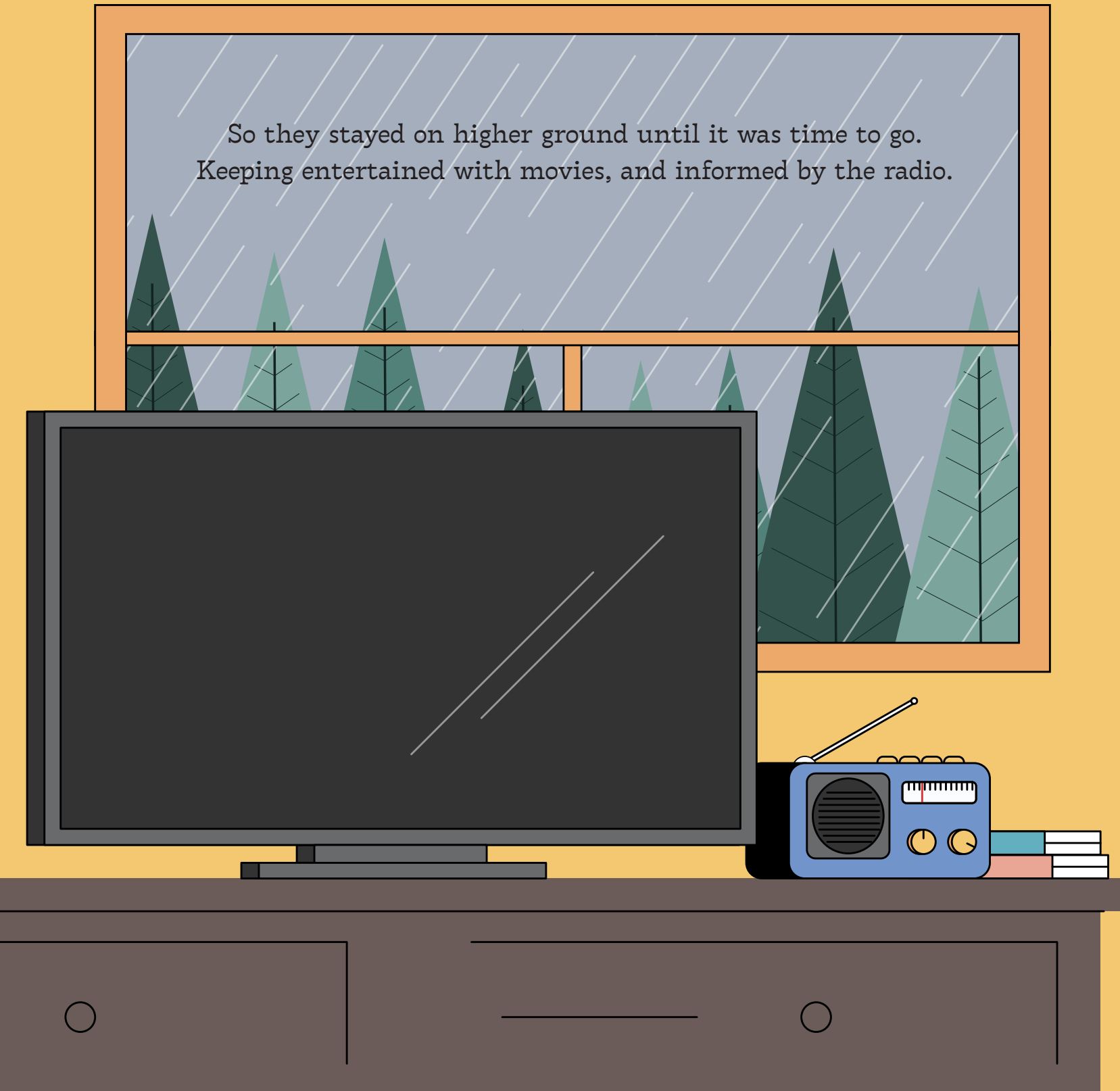
**EMERGENCY  
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The floodwater had arrived, it was too high and **TOO LATE TO LEAVE**. Thankfully, they had already moved places, the safest outcome achieved.

They now understood — the sign's purpose was clear. Guiding their safety everywhere in Australia, far and near.

So they stayed on higher ground until it was time to go.  
Keeping entertained with movies, and informed by the radio.



The sign kept them safe, they had a good time.  
Now they knew what to do, rain, hail or shine.



# GET TO KNOW OUR WARNING SIGNS

There are three warning levels, and they are the same for bushfires, floods, storms and extreme heat.

All with their own action statements that will tell you exactly what to do in an emergency.



In this book, warnings and action statements are highlighted in **BOLD**.

Can you go back and find them?

To learn more, visit **emergency.vic.gov.au** or download the VicEmergency app.



## ADVICE

Yellow means an incident has started.

There is no immediate danger.

Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

An example of an action statement for an **ADVICE** warning is '**STAY INFORMED.**'



## WATCH AND ACT

Orange means there is a heightened level of threat.

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

An example of an action statement for a **WATCH AND ACT** warning is '**LEAVE NOW.**'



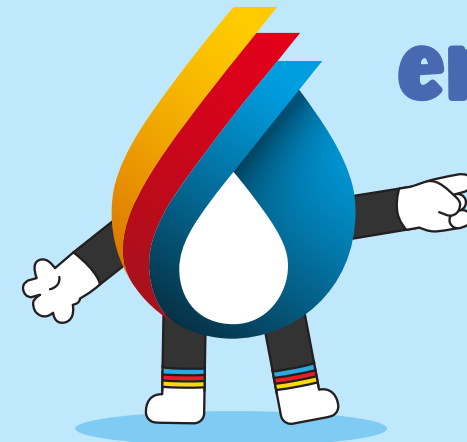
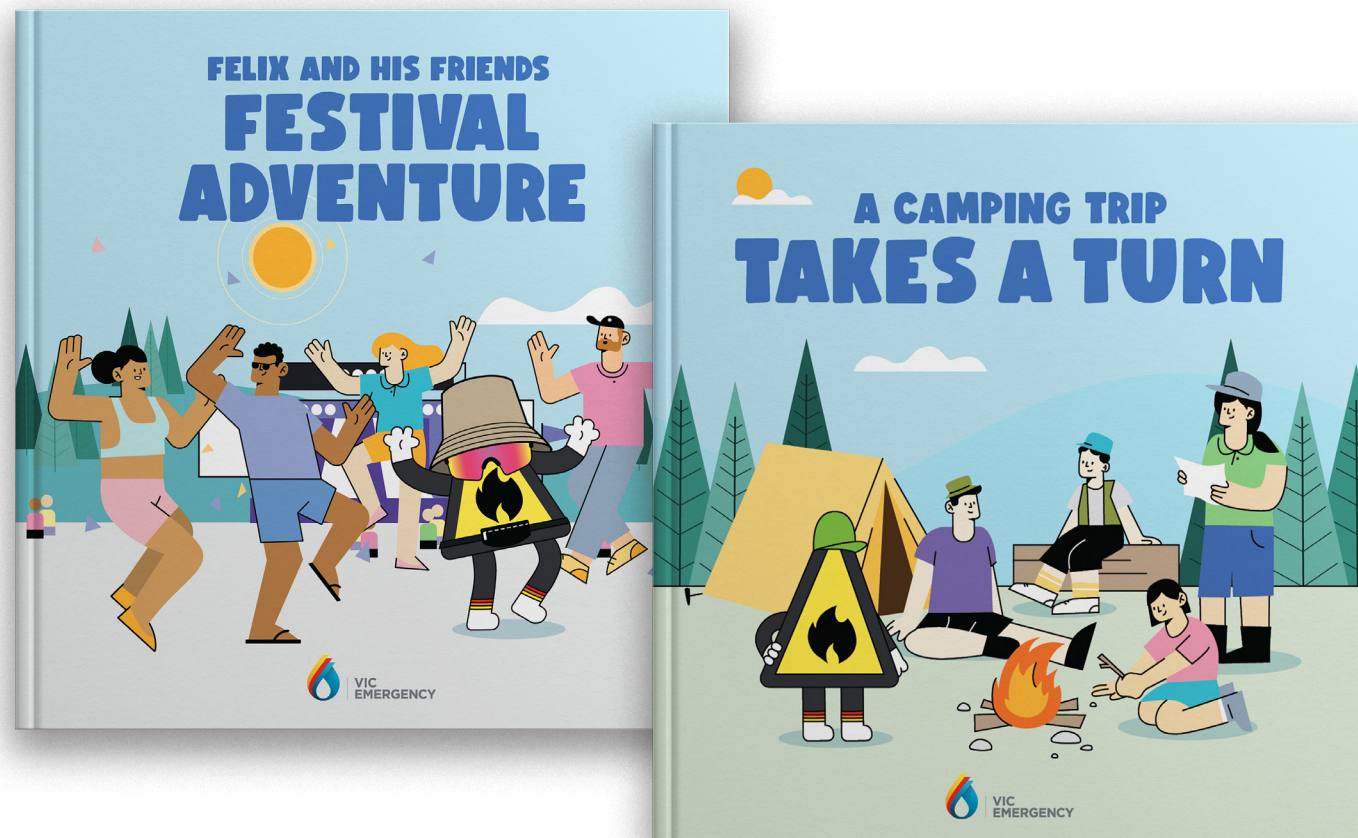
## EMERGENCY WARNING

Red is the highest level of warning.

You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

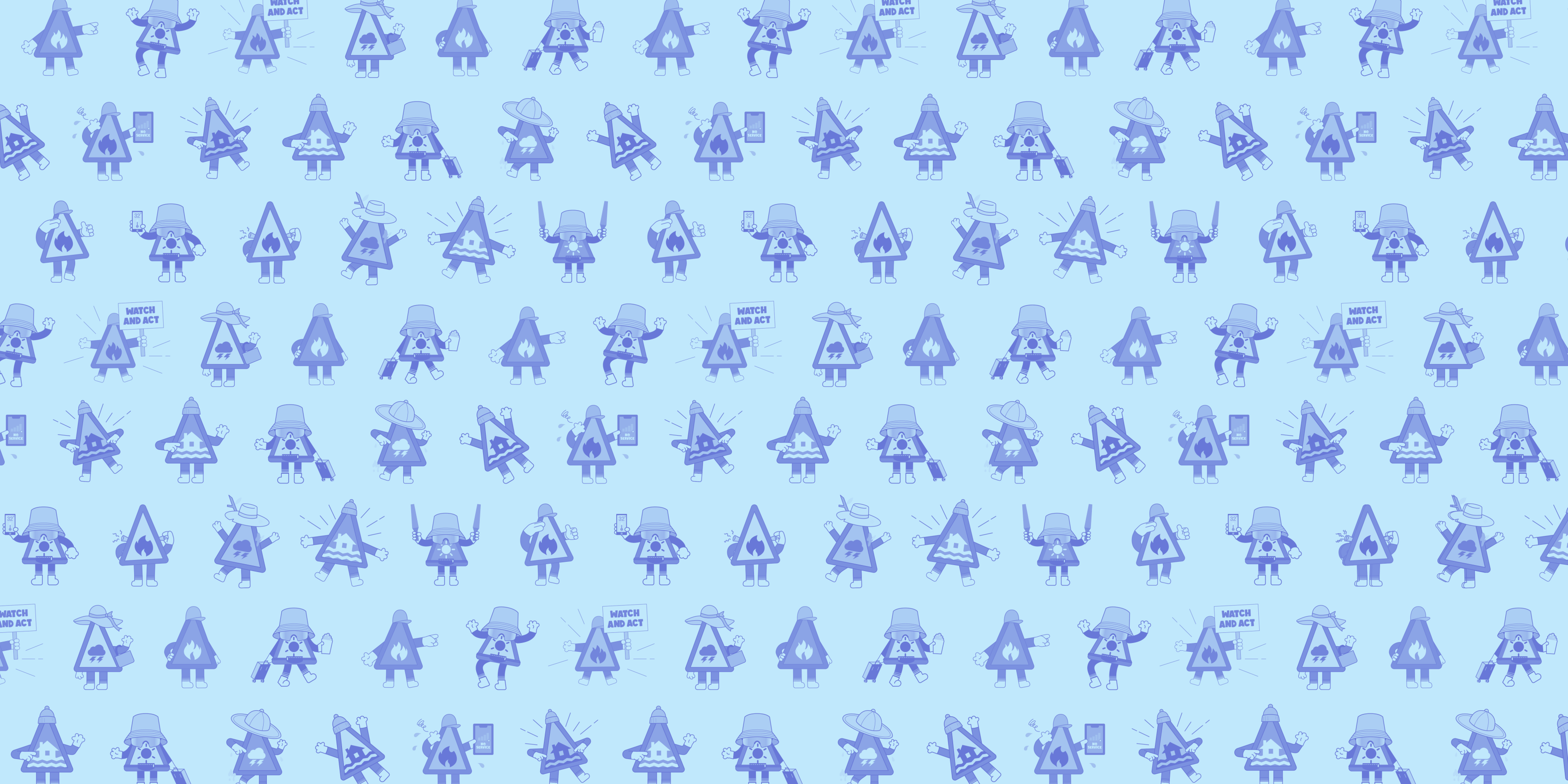
An example of an action statement for an **EMERGENCY WARNING** is '**EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY.**'

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