

Flood of Ruisbroek 1976



In Ruisbroek, on 3 January 1976 the border of the river de Vliet breaks down. A whirlwind of 11 and 12 Beaufort creates a breach of almost 100 meters. Very quickly the small village was overflood and the facades of the houses were swept away. Trees cracked like matches. People fled to the highest floors of the houses and were trapped for hours. 12 hours later the complete village was under water and the aid was very slow.

Pukkelpop 2011



The music festival Pukkelpop in Kiewit (Hasselt) in Limburg province was hit by a very heavy weather storm in 2011. The roof of a tent and a couple of other constructions collapsed and a few trees were uprooted. 5 festival-goers were killed, and the 3-day festival, which would have run until Saturday night, has been completely cancelled.

Belgian Red Cross



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Brussels 2014



Around 36 hours of constant rainfall that began Tuesday 26 August 2014 caused flash flooding across Belgium including the provinces of Hainaut, Liege, Walloon Brabant and around the city of Brussels.

Hundreds of calls were made to local emergency services after homes and streets were flooded. The flooding caused chaos for motorists and at one point several motorways were also flooded, including the A8 and A12.

A family had to be evacuated from their flooded home in the Ath municipality in the

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