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[DEKRA experts advise a flood resilience check](#)

The Next Deluge is Bound to Come

The amount of damage caused by natural disasters is increasing. Property owners need to know what measures are suitable to provide protection against torrential rain and flooding. DEKRA's real estate experts advise conducting a thorough survey and resilience check in order to establish a substantiated basis for taking decisions on safety and preserving the value of real estate.

“Every building is different. Location, topography, construction, and usage determine the actual level of risk in the event of torrential rain or flooding,” says DEKRA real estate expert Mike Verhoeven. Analysis by an expert is necessary to identify the specific risk faced by an existing property and develop recommendations for suitable protective measures.

The goal of a flood check is to effectively prevent damage caused by the ingress of water, the build-up of backwater, or flooding. It is not just a question of identifying construction or technical solutions but also of establishing organizational measures and rules of conduct for the worst-case scenario. This provides building owners with clear and practicable recommendations for action to improve safety and protect their property.

DEKRA's experts start a flood check by reviewing relevant construction documents such as maps and plans. They use an on-site inspection to analyze the topographical location and construction characteristics. On this basis, they can then develop protection measures and recommendations.

DEKRA has a Germany-wide network of experts who are specially trained in the impact of torrential rain and floods. They combine local knowledge with the expertise of a large inspection and testing organization like DEKRA. The company's Construction and Real Estate division delivers a wide range of services for the real estate sector, including property valuations, energy certificates, expert reports, quality control during construction, and the inspection of heating oil tanks in accordance with Germany's technical rules.

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