

Limpopo and Mpumalanga: 1 February 2021 – Rain and floods

The SAWS predicts that eastern parts of the provinces could be “receiving more than 50mm of rain within 24 hours, starting Monday evening and heading into Tuesday morning. The weather service issued the following warning:

- This could lead to flooding low-lying areas, isolated incidents of:
- breaching earth dam walls,
- general disruption to traffic and basic service,
- flooding of roads and settlements.
- Dangerous driving conditions on tarred roads due to increased number of potholes, as well as
- Danger to life due to fast-flowing rivers and streams.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

- Stay indoors and off the road
- Never drive on a road covered in water
- Don't cross rivers if the water reaches above your ankles
- Switch off electricity at supply points to the building
- If evacuation orders are issued, abandon your home before access is cut off by floodwaters
- Be on alert during night time, it's harder to recognise flood dangers
- Move animals to higher ground
- Take only important documents in a waterproof plastic envelope

In case of disaster contact our Senior Disaster Management Officer, Mr Michael Rabothata at 0726577663, alternatively you can contact your ward Councillor.