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#### **MEC FOR COGTA IN MPUMALANGA WARNS COMMUNITIES AGAINST POSSIBLE FLOODS**

MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Refilwe Mtshweni urges communities to be on high alert against possible floods in Mpumalanga during the December-January festive season. Mpumalanga is prone to floods due to heavy rains during this period.

MEC Mtshweni has warned communities residing close to the rivers, dams and streams to consider vacating such areas to save their lives. "We urge our communities to monitor the weather patterns on a daily basis and the water levels in those water resources, during persistent rains. Furthermore, we urge them not to risk their lives by crossing the water resources, including bridges sub-merged in water," she warned.

COGTA is responsible for the co-ordination of disaster management in the province in line with the Disaster Management Act of 2002. The department works in conjunction with municipalities to provide support in case of floods and other forms of disasters.

MEC Mtshweni warned motorists to drive with caution whenever the roads are slippery to avoid accidents. "Working together, we can save more lives," she added. She urged communities to call the Disaster Toll free number to report emergency cases of floods. The number is: **0800 202 507**.

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