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MEDIA RELEASE

RESIDENTS WARNED TO BE ON ALERT AS RAINS AND VERY COLD WEATHER PREDICTED FOR MPUMALANGA

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in Mpumalanga would like to warn all residents of the province, especially those living in the Highveld which includes areas like Witbank, Groblersdal, Ermelo, Standerton, Belfast, Secunda, Middleburg and surrounding areas to be on alert as severe thunderstorms are predicted for those areas.

The department has also instructed all municipalities to be on full alert and on standby. The department would also like to warn communities of possible flash floods and urges members of the public to be extremely cautious at all times. In the event of possible flooding communities must inform their local municipal disaster management offices.

Very cold weather is also predicted for the Southern and South Western parts of the province. The department urges residents to be extremely careful when lighting up fires, heaters and other warming appliances, that they do not leave them on unattended and that they are put off when not in use. Fires and heating appliances used to warm ourselves can be a hazard if left unattended. A special word of caution is sent to parents, to make sure that children are not left alone with fires and heating appliances.

These extreme weather patterns are expected to continue till the end of the week.

The Department would also like to warn all road users to be careful as the roads are wet and slippery in areas where it is raining.

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