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MEDIA RELEASE

RESIDENTS WARNED TO BE ON ALERT AS HEAVY RAIN IS FORECAST FOR MPUMALANGA

The Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in Mpumalanga would like to warn all residents of the province to be on alert of heavy rains that are expected in the province. The Weather Service predicts 60% to 80% chances of rain in the province mostly in the Lowveld from today, 17 January until Thursday, 19 January 2012.

The department has instructed all municipalities to be on full alert and on standby. The heavy rains could result in an increase of dam and river levels thus making small streams very dangerous. People must move away from river banks and they must avoid crossing full rivers and over flowing bridges.

Parents are urged to warn children not to play next to streams and rivers. The department requests all communities to take precautions especially those who are staying in low-lying areas. A special caution is issued to all learners returning to school tomorrow not to cross full rivers and bridges. All road users are urged to be extremely cautious on the roads as they are wet and rocks might have fallen in some areas. In case of any possible flooding residents are advised to call the Disaster Management Toll free number **0800 202 507**.

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