

Tips... if you find yourself in a flash flood situation

South Africa is experiencing high rainfall this season and while the water is desperately needed there have also been negative aspects to the quantity of downpours we have experienced in a relatively short space of time. The spate of flash floods created chaos on the roads, and put many people's lives in danger. Staggering footage showed cars and roads submerged under metres of water, with reports of lives being lost. Here are some safety tips should you find yourself in a flash flood situation...

1. The number one rule when you encounter large amounts of water on the road is to turn around rather than attempting to go through it. It may look shallow but it's easy to underestimate the depth of the water and strength of the current. Don't navigate through it, go back the way you came.
2. If you're caught in a thunderstorm think carefully about your route, try to avoid driving through low-lying areas that may pose a risk.

- Alternatively try finding a safe place to park and wait out the rain.
3. Flash floods can sweep cars away without warning, if you find yourself in this situation where the water level surrounds or immobilises your car, open your windows to allow water into the vehicle. If you do not do this, the water pressure will make it impossible to get out, trapping you in your car which is extremely dangerous.
 4. If you are surrounded by fast moving water and your car has stalled or is being taken by the current you need to get out as quickly as possible and head for higher ground
 5. If you find yourself in a flash flood keep a level head and remember what matters most is your life, corrosion and mould from water damage can be fixed and there are insurance policies that will cover your car for flash floods. First and foremost, be safe.

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Floods in Northwest Province, South Africa. Photo Arrive Alive South Africa

Moses Kotane's appoints new Acting Municipal Manager

Mogwase – The Moses Kotane Local Municipality has appointed Mr. Tertius Chiloane as Acting Municipal Manager, with effect from 6 January 2017, at a Special council meeting held on Friday, 6 January 2017. Mr Chiloane's acting position will continue for a period, not exceeding three months, until the appointment of the new Municipal Manager. Mr Chiloane is the Head of the Department of Infrastructure and Technical Services. The Council has also appointed the selection panel for the position of Municipal Manager in accordance with section 12(3) of the Regulations on the appointment and conditions of employment of Senior Managers. The panel will be chaired by MKLM Mayor, Cllr. Ralesole Diale. The process of short-listing for the position of the Municipal Manager must be completed before 27 January 2017. **Moses Kotane Local Municipality Press Release**



Tertius Chiloane, appointed as Moses Kotane Local Municipality's Acting Municipal Manager.

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