

Spring Flooding Hazards - Safety Tips for You and Your Family

The threat of potential spring flooding creates many hazards. Please take the following precautions.

Stay off ice and water

At this time of year, the ice covering Manitoba's lakes, rivers, ditches, culverts and large drains is melting or has melted. Stay off all waterways and never attempt to enter the water. Currents at this time of year are extremely strong and can easily pull you in and carry you away.

If you live near water you should be especially careful to prevent children and pets from wandering onto the ice.

Stay away from heavy equipment

Earth-moving equipment is at work building or reinforcing dikes and Amphibex and ice-cutting machines are busy breaking up ice. Please keep your distance if you see these machines at work in your area. The operators are concentrating on their work and may not see you.

Check road conditions

Overland or flash flooding can happen very quickly and create unpredictable conditions along roads, especially those near ditches and creeks. Always stay off closed roads. If you do come across flooded roads and fast-moving water, do not attempt to drive or walk through the current. Stay in your car and call for help.

If you are travelling in parts of Manitoba that have experienced overland or flash flooding in the past, be sure to check road conditions on manitoba.ca (also available by mobile) or follow us on Twitter @MBGov.