

EXTREME CAUTION ADVISED AROUND RIVERS

TERRACE — With flood warnings in effect for the Bulkley, Skeena and Nass Rivers in north western BC, it is important that people living in or visiting these areas exercise extreme caution:

- Avoid rivers and creeks and surrounding banks because of erosion caused by high water volume.
- NEVER attempt to drive on a flooded roadway- Turn around - don't drown!
- Never attempt to walk or swim through flood water. Six inches of rapidly moving flood water can knock an adult off their feet. Talk to your children about the dangers of fast moving waters.
- Be especially alert at night. It is harder to recognize flood dangers when it is dark.
- Take caution around areas where crews are working; sandbagging, dike maintenance.

While flooding has affected some transportation corridors in the area, traffic is using the Cranberry Connector, a detour route linking Terrace and Kitwanga, via the Nisga'a Highway and Highway 37. For updated highway information, visit www.drivebc.ca.

Across the northwest nine Emergency Operation Centres have been activated and are assessing risks and taking necessary precautions to ensure public safety. The Provincial Emergency Program is supporting local governments and First Nations in the region through its regional operation centre in Terrace. A representative from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is working out of the Terrace centre and a second representative is providing local support for First Nations in the Hazeltons.

Visit www.pep.bc.ca for important public safety and flood preparedness information. A province-wide toll-free information line is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily with information about water levels and other information. The number is 1 888- 350-6070.

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