

NEWS

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WEATHER SAFETY ALERT

Keep children away from high water

With heavy rains and strong winds covering much of New Castle County and Kent County, the public is advised to take cover and avoid walking and driving during the storm. All residents and workers, and especially children, should avoid streams and drainage areas until rain has stopped and high waters recede.

Adults are urged to monitor children and keep them indoors and away from any rising, moving water. Those driving in the area of high water are advised to find elevated areas and wait for the storm to pass and water to recede.

Emergency officials remind drivers that two to three inches of rapidly moving water can move a vehicle and cause a driver to lose control. Drivers should not try to enter or cross a flooded roadway. High water can also hide areas where pavement has washed away, leaving deep holes.

In some areas in New Castle County, more than three inches of rain fell in a one hour period. Such sudden rain fall can result in flash flooding of area streams and strong currents of water rushing down storm drains.

The public is reminded to listen to local radio and television updates on weather conditions, closed roadways and areas that have flooding or wind damage.

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