

Let's save lives around watercourses

MOST parts of the country are receiving much-needed rainfall.

As we celebrate the filling up of dams, recharging of rivers and other watercourses, it is important to remember that water can be dangerous. It is therefore important that we become responsible, heed weather warnings and take care to protect properties and save lives. As South Africa is a water-

scarce country, we always become excited when we receive good rainfall.

As we celebrate the falling rain, let us be careful and remember that heavy rains often lead to floods which cause hardships for many. It is therefore critical that we become extra-careful to prevent disasters and the loss of precious lives.

People get washed away trying to cross flooded bridges and fast-flowing rivers, so let us be responsible and stop risking our lives.

Religious rituals performed in rivers can be put on hold until the river flows are back to normal.

What is worrying is that more people are building on floodlines. Municipalities and other relevant authorities need to step up and prevent this.

Let us also be responsible citizens and prevent the pollution of our rivers, streams and other watercourses. Pollution leads to flooding as it prevents the natural flow of watercourses.

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