

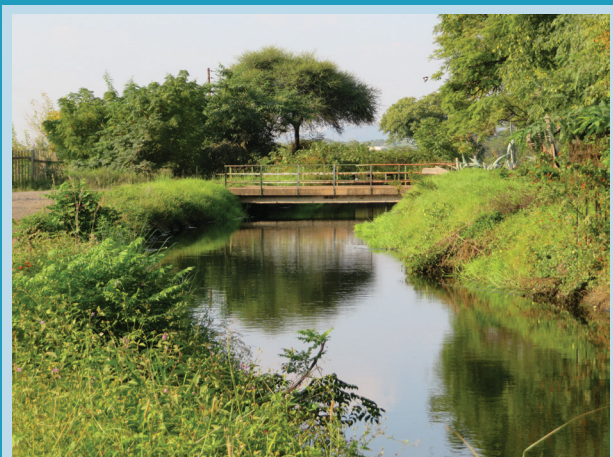
Message to Community Members



Canals pose a safety risk particularly for young children especially during the pumping periods.

Never allow children to swim fish or play near the canal bank. It is important to ensure that the children understand the danger of canals and the safety rules.

Be an example for younger children and obey the canal safety rules and signages.



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CANAL SAFETY

Stay Smart, Stay Safe - Canals are not for play



WATER IS LIFE - SANITATION IS DIGNITY



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INTRODUCTION

Canals are man-made concrete lined channels of water to pump stations, dams and to clients such as Eskom who generate electricity.

Canals sides are steep and slick therefore it is impossible to climb out once inside.

They consist of sections including siphons, culverts, pedestrians and farmer's crossings and bridges.

Siphons are pipes used to move water and have sharp edges that can hurt a person.

Culverts allow the natural flow of water to pass underneath the canals.

Pedestrian crossings are to aid safe crossing over the canal.

Farmers' crossings aid safe crossing by farmers using vehicles.

Bridges allow vehicles to cross over the canals.

Canals are not for play, they are very dangerous, fast swift current can cause a person to drown.

Always obey signs and safety rules of the canals.



CANAL SAFETY RULES



Do not swim in canals



Do not fish in canals



Do not play near canals



Do not climb over fences & gates near canals



Do not walk or play on bridges or with gates near the canals



Do not let children go near canals without supervision



Report children playing near canals



Do not fetch water from the canal



Stay away from canal banks



Do not perform ritual practices along the canals



Do not throw rubbish in the canal



Do not drink water from the canal it may make you sick



Do not vandalise signages or remove fencing



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