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## Residents Reminded of Safety During Flash Floods

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg reminds residents of the dangers of flash floods that frequently occur throughout the summer season.

With some rain expected later this evening, the Harrisonburg Fire Department and Harrisonburg Police Department proactively visited neighbors in an area that is commonly prone to flooding to remind residents of basic safety tips.

“By going out this morning, we wanted to remind neighbors of the dangers of flood waters and provide additional information to help keep themselves and their children safe,” said Fire Chief Larry Shifflett.

Basic safety tips:

- Turn Around, Don't Drown! ®
- Never walk or drive through flood waters. Teach children of the dangers of playing in flood waters.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move to higher ground.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- Follow local news outlets and the city's [website](#) for the latest information on conditions and how to stay safe.

Rockingham County, including the city of Harrisonburg, is currently under a severe thunderstorm watch until later tonight. A flood watch means to be aware and a flood warning means to take immediate action.

Additional information on floods and other natural disasters is always available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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