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RSIPF reminds public to extra care during bad weather

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) reminds members of the public to take extra precautionary measures during the bad weather being experienced in parts of the country.

RSIPF Acting Commissioner Mostyn Mangau says, "Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters. Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning."

"If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher grounds. Flash floods can cause weather-related deaths."

Mr Mangau says, "Vehicle drivers and out boat motor (OBM) skippers when driving along the road and travelling between our islands must take extra care during the bad weather currently affecting some parts of the country."

He says, "Police like to remind public that travelling at high speed on our roads must be discouraged and OBM drivers must assess the weather before embarking on any trip."

Acting Commissioner Mangau adds: "OBM skippers must ensure they have the required safety equipment before travelling to other islands. Stay onshore during bad weather and notify members of your family where you are going and what time you are expected to arrive at your destination. Listen to the weather report on SIBC."

"It is good and important that drivers and skippers must always put safety first before travelling on our roads and between our islands," says Mr Mangau.

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