



Press Release

Press release from **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** and **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority**
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WARNING FOR MOTORISTS – FLOOD WATER

Following another deluge of rain currently affecting the county, many Derbyshire roads are experiencing flooding. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service would therefore like to remind motorists of the dangers and risks associated with driving through flood water.

Motorists are being reminded that 'Road Closed' signs are in place for a reason, and they should not be ignored; insurance companies may reject claims for damage to cars where drivers have ignored 'road closed' signs.

Station Manager Adam Hind said: "We have been to a couple of incidents this morning where we have had to rescue drivers from their cars which have been stranded in flood water.

"Motorists should take responsibility for their own actions and not take the risk of driving through flood water."

For more information regarding safe driving in flooded areas visit:

<http://www.rac.co.uk/advice/winter-driving/driving-in-heavy-rain-and-flooding>

<http://www.theaa.com/>

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Driver rescued earlier today from stranded car on Leathersley Lane, Scropton where water levels are still rising.

ENDS

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