



# High Water Safety Bulletin

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**To: ABCA Municipal Flood Coordinators**

**Message: Risk of Flooding Low for Next Few Days**

General rainfall amounts over the watershed in the past 24 hours have only been 10 to 15 mm. This fact, combined with temperatures that were only a few degrees above freezing, has reduced the amount of snowmelt and the expected runoff.

Temperatures are expected to remain near or below freezing until the end of the week.

While water levels are expected to rise today and remain above normal for the next few days, no flooding or ice jam issues are expected at this time.

Residents are reminded that due to warmer temperatures and accompanying rainfall, ice conditions on local streams and rivers, including ponds and reservoirs, should be considered unsafe. In addition, please use caution near all watercourses as waters may be fast moving and higher than normal. Slippery and unstable streambanks and extremely cold water temperatures will create additional hazards.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority will be monitoring watershed conditions and will provide an update of conditions as required.

*Update:* As required.

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### Types of Flood Messages

- *High Water Safety Bulletin* Issued to alert municipalities that the potential for flooding is being assessed and remind the public that rivers, streams and ponds may be unsafe for recreational or other activity.
  - *Flood Advisory* Issued when the potential for flooding exists in specific municipalities.
  - *Flood Warning* Issued after a flood forecast has been made which indicates that significant flooding is imminent or occurring in specific flood damage centres.
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