



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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## **Flood Safety**

Indianapolis – With the flooding conditions throughout Marion County the Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security would like to remind residents and the business community to take certain precautions. The areas facing the highest threat for flooding are along the White River and low lying areas of Marion County. Of additional concern are areas on the north side of the city at 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Binford (Ravenswood), the east side of Indianapolis along Washington St, Southeastern and English, as well as the areas of 96<sup>th</sup> Street. The IMPD's North District has closed Northbound Keystone at 80<sup>th</sup> St. Please avoid these areas.

DPW crews are monitoring flooding and placing barricades. DHS would like to remind residents to please not attempt to go around these barricades – they are there for your safety. We are also asking that residents please report which streets are the worst to the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4622.

IPL has been reporting a small amount of power outages. Approximately 112 in Marion County – but these are being restored very quickly. One of the main dangers from flood conditions is electrical hazards, which many times are not readily visible. In the event of flooding, homeowners should stay clear of basements where floodwater has covered electrical outlets, extension cords, or powerbars. This floodwater could be energized. Contact your local electric utility to disconnect power to your home prior to entering these areas to start clean-up.

As we have said in the past please remember to purchase flood insurance. “Just because you do not live in a flood plain does not mean that you as a homeowner, renter or business owner are not at risk of suffering damage from a potential flood during heavy rains” said Gary Coons, Division of Homeland Security Chief.

**Please use caution and be aware of hazardous driving conditions.**

City road closure information can be obtained online at:

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/RebuildIndy/Projects/Pages/StreetClosingAlerts.aspx>.

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