

## Water Safety Message for Children:

Why are rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds so dangerous this time of year?

- Ice and snow are melting, making our waters very deep, fast flowing and **COLD**
- Stream and river banks get very slippery – you could slide right in!
- The fast-moving waters can carry away the soil under the riverbanks. They might look safe to stand on but underneath there is nothing to hold you up!

Signs water gives us to show it's dangerous

- It gets deeper – higher on riverbanks, covers shrubs and trees during flood events
- Riffles (small white waves) are visible
- Large branches, uprooted shrubs, garbage floating quickly downstream

Signs like these warn us to **STAY FAR AWAY**

## How to Stay Safe

- **ALWAYS TELL AN ADULT WHERE YOU ARE GOING**
- Buddies – always have a friend with you, they can help if you get in trouble
- PFD's – Even adults need to wear a Personal Floatation Device if they are around water
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**STAY AWAY from STREAM and RIVER BANKS!!!**

## Ice Safety:

- **Water** usually gives us signs to show it's not safe to be around. **Ice** is different. Ice can even fool adults.
- Before anyone goes on river or pond ice **an adult** has to measure how thick it is. They have to use an ice-auger, which is like a drill, to drill into the ice then use a meter stick to make sure the ice is thick enough to be on.
- **NEVER** go onto river or pond ice without an adult buddy!!

*Splash is happy we're all  
staying safe*

