

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT CENTRE

The Mauritius Meteorological Services has issued a **Heavy Rain Watch** for Mauritius at 04:30 AM today, Friday 09 May 2025 valid **until 4:00 AM tomorrow**, **Saturday 10 May 2025**.

In response, the Mauritius Police Force, Special Mobile Force, Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, and other relevant authorities are on high alert to ensure public safety.

The **National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre** has been activated and is closely monitoring the situation and urges the public to follow these safety guidelines:

- **Stay informed** Keep track of weather updates from the **Mauritius Meteorological Services** and follow instructions from the police and relevant authorities.
- Schools and students: stay vigilant! Follow the instructions of school authorities and teachers carefully. Avoid areas with water accumulation around school premises, do not cross submerged roads, refrain from loitering after school, and proceed promptly to your bus/bus station.
- General public Remain cautious, limit your movements, and stay sheltered if possible.
- At fairs Avoid flood-prone areas, follow instructions, and stay away from unstable structures.
- **Avoid high-risk areas** Stay away from flooded roads, waterfalls, mountains, rivers, flooded waterways, and other flood-prone zones.
- **During thunderstorms** Avoid trees and tall structures, and unplug electrical appliances to prevent electrical hazards.
- Stay indoors During heavy rainfall.
- Protect your home Use sandbags or flood barriers to prevent water from entering your property.
- **Move to higher ground if necessary** If water levels rise quickly, be prepared to evacuate and have an emergency kit ready.
- Stay away from the sea and landslide-prone areas Avoid regions at risk of rockfalls, water accumulation, or flooding. Keep children away from these hazards.
- **Motorists, drive with caution** Roads may be slippery, and some areas may experience water pooling and aquaplaning.

Stay connected and informed for real-time updates, follow official sources and mobile apps like **Traffic Watch** and **My.T Weather** (available on the **App Store** and **Google Play**).

Emergency contact numbers:

Police: 999/148, Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service: 115, SAMU: 114, CEB: 130, CWA: 170

This communiqué is issued in accordance with Section 11(c) of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2016.