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Labor Day Water Safety

(Frederick, MD, September 3, 2021) – The forecast for this Labor Day weekend is expected to be beautiful. We anticipate many residents and visitors will choose to spend it outside and in the water. Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services wants to remind everyone that Tropical Depression Ida brought over 8 inches of rain to most parts of the County just a few days ago. The Monocacy River at Frederick peaked out at 21.7 feet deep and the Potomac River at Point of Rocks at 15.2 feet. Though those measurements are expected to recede water levels will remain higher than normal well through the weekend. With that, rain brought faster currents and remaining brush and debris. It is imperative that anyone planning to participate in waterway activities take all appropriate precautions this weekend to stay safe, remain diligent, and avoid water rescues that could overtax rescue resources.

Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death. Ensure that swimming, kayaking, and tubing is safe and fun by following a few basic safety tips:

- Check the water levels before planning your trip. Water levels can be checked at [National Weather Service](#)
- Familiarize yourself with the area and forecast before entering the water
- Always wear a personal flotation device
- Bring essential safety gear and a means of communication
- Share your float plan ahead of time
- Never swim, wade, or access any water feature alone.
- Never leave children unattended around water. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.

Find more safety tips, visit the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) website.

The Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services hopes that you have a happy, healthy, and safe Labor Day weekend.

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