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Riverbank collapse risk remains despite higher water levels

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Residents and visitors to the River Murray downstream of Blanchetown must remain on the look-out for the signs of riverbank collapse despite recent increases in water levels.

Department for Water spokesman, Jai O'Toole, said that although water levels downstream of Lock 1 had increased by as much as 80cm since the start of 2010, the risk of riverbank collapse remains.

"All river users can continue to enjoy the river, but should do so safely by knowing and keeping a lookout for the key signs of possible riverbank collapse," he said.

"These signs include cracking of the riverbank, leaning trees and bubbling near the water's edge."

"Visitors and locals should avoid parking vehicles or mooring boats near areas which display these signs."

"Known riverbank collapse affected areas have been signposted and cordoned off. Please observe these exclusions and be mindful that other areas may also be at risk, so remain alert."

The Riverbank Collapse Hotline (**1800 751 970**) is a free 24-hour hotline that has been established for the public to report any observed signs of a potential collapse, and to obtain information. Further information is also available online at www.sa.gov.au.

In the event of a major riverbank collapse call **000** for emergency assistance.



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