

## THINK ABOUT IT...

We like to think of our lakes and rivers as a place for recreation and pleasure.

When someone is drowning, and needs to be rescued, these beautiful areas become a place of panic and worry. Recovery operations bring sorrow to everyone involved.

Environmental Emergency Services of Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler Counties wants everyone who uses and enjoys these natural resources for recreation to remember... **SAFE USE MAKES RECREATION FUN FOR EVERYONE!**



**-Monitor NOAA Weather Radio-** NOAA Weather Radio is a great way to stay current with National Weather Service Watches and Warnings. Portable units are nice for outdoorsman and can save you from a dangerous weather event because warning is received before the weather reaches you.

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## WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY SERVICES?

EES is a not-for-profit agency that concentrates on Environmental and Weather related issues in Chemung, Steuben, and Schuyler Counties.

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## Influence of the Weather

Rivers and lakes change with time and weather. Anticipating these changes may influence your decision about when to venture out on the water. EES suggests the following precautions:

- Review the weather forecast prior to boating.
- Check radar to see if rain is falling anywhere in the forecast area that might affect water conditions.
- Check available web sites listing lake conditions and river levels. Know that a release from one of the basin's dam projects can affect river flow.
- Heavy rain in steep sided valleys can lead to dramatic rises in river levels as water runs off quickly.
- Strong winds can also make controlling your boat extremely difficult.
- Depending on rainfall amounts, boating conditions can be affected for a few hours or for several days.



# River and Boating Safety Guide for the Southern Tier Things You Need To Know To Stay Safe

*Using our many lakes and rivers for recreation can be fun. But, you need to take an active role in knowing the dangers of using these water resources before you enter the water. Only participate in activities at a level appropriate for your skills and abilities. Stay safe to have fun!*