

# Creek & Channel Safety Awareness Program

## Contra Costa County Flood Control District's Creek & Channel Safety Awareness Program

Contra Costa County has designated October as Creek & Channel Safety Awareness Month for special emphasis before the rainy season begins.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to speak to your students about the dangers of fast moving stormwaters and the almost certain fate that awaits anyone who goes into the creeks and channels.

### About Contra Costa County Creeks & Channels

The flood control system is designed to quickly drain storm water from our communities and carry it out to sea.

Water rushes from open creeks into underground tunnels and into concrete channels at speeds up to 20 miles per hour.

### Dangers of Contra Costa County Creeks & Channels

Once in the channel, rapid waters, dangerous debris, and up to 30 feet concrete walls can make escape difficult.

Flood control channels are an integral part of our community's infrastructure and like freeways and railroad tracks, they should NEVER be used for recreation.

This annual campaign is to remind us that we must be aware of the seasonal dangers around us and take the necessary steps to avoid our creeks and channels. Please speak to your students about flood control channels.



**For more information visit: [www.cccounty.us/creekandchannelsafety](http://www.cccounty.us/creekandchannelsafety)**