

Texas kids rescued from flooding creek

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ARLINGTON, Texas -- Firefighters in northern Texas snatched two children from a fast-moving creek as the region was drenched by fierce storms and flooding.

A 14-year-old boy and his 10-year-old sister were playing in the creek behind their Arlington home when a storm moved in Monday afternoon, reported the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The girl was able to hang onto something in the water, while her brother was swept about a quarter-mile downstream into Grand Prairie.

Their 8-year-old sister was able to scramble out of the creek, scale an 8-foot fence and bang on a neighbor's door, screaming, "Call 911!"

The children were treated for minor injuries.

"It was just a torrential rain, and the bottom just fell out on them," said Arlington Fire Battalion Chief David Stapp.

Local officials said it doesn't look the weather will be improving any time soon.

"They're telling us the next two days could be the worst for us rain-wise," said J.C. Travis, Parker County's assistant fire marshal. "So we're ramping up for extended operations."

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