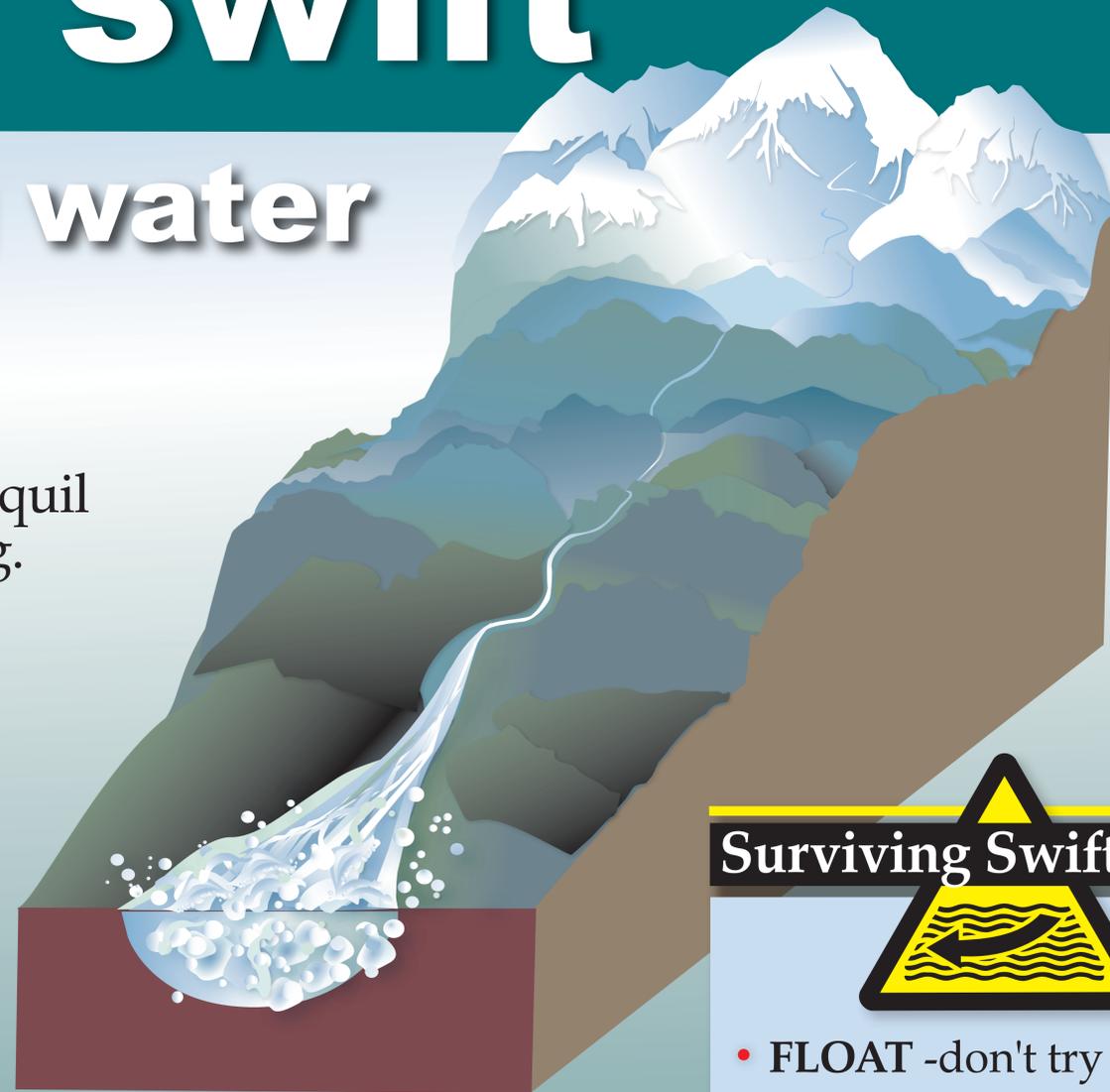


# Strong and swift

## The force of moving water can be powerful

- ▶ Don't be fooled. Clear Creek may appear tranquil at times but the current can still be very strong.
- ▶ Less than six inches of fast flowing water can sweep an adult off their feet. About two feet of flowing water will carry away most automobiles!
- ▶ The water in this river travels about 44 miles from the top of Loveland pass to here. Along its journey, it drops 4,500 feet in elevation creating a tremendous force.



### Surviving Swift Water



- **FLOAT** -don't try to swim.
- **LAY FLAT** on your back.
- **FEET FIRST** downstream.
- Wait till calmer waters to swim to shore.



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On July 3, 1999, seven-year old Danielle Mattingly slipped and fell into the water. Rescuers found her downstream but it was too late to save her life. Unfortunately, Danielle's story is one of many. Attend to children along Clear Creek at all times.

**Use extreme caution when at the water's edge.**