




When to warn

Storm Surge

AWS Level	Calls to Action	Context
 <p>Advice</p>	- Avoid the area	A storm surge has either occurred or is likely to occur and must be avoided. This provides situational awareness for the community.
	- Monitor conditions	People need to monitor conditions for a likely storm surge so they can start planning. The impact area is not known at this point in time.
	- Prepare now	There is confidence people will need to prepare for a likely storm surge. This warning allows for people to start preparing for possible inundation if a storm surge happens.
	- Stay informed	People need to stay informed so they can start preparing for the impacts if they are in known areas prone to a storm surge.
	- Threat is reduced - Return with caution	The storm surge threat has passed, and people can come out of their place of refuge but are warned of the dangers that may be left behind.

 <p>Watch and Act</p>	- Avoid the area	A storm surge has either occurred or is likely to occur with considerable damage and must be avoided. This provides situational awareness for the community.
	- Move to higher ground	A storm surge is about to impact or is currently impacting the area and is likely to continue. People must move to higher ground for their own safety.
	- Prepare now	A storm surge is likely and there is a clear idea of when and where it will occur. People need to prepare for expected impacts.
	- Prepare to leave	A storm surge is expected. This warning will advise of timings and impact areas. This warning tells people in the storm surge area to get ready to leave.

 <p>Emergency Warning</p>	- Leave by [xx:xx am/pm]	A storm surge is coming and people in the area need to leave quickly. This coincides with a high tide.
	- Leave immediately	People in a storm surge danger area have a very small window to leave and get to safety before it is too dangerous to leave.
	- Take shelter now - Too dangerous to leave	A storm surge is about to impact or is currently impacting the area. People are now isolated due to rising waters and should stay where they are because all routes are cut off. They should go to a safe place, indoors and on higher ground.