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| **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY** |
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| **[location]** |
| **Tropical Cyclone (Storm Surge)** |

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**Issued:** [time, day, date, year]

**Next update:** [time, day, date, year] or as the situation changes.

[Insert issuing agency] advises people in the following area(s):

* [Add location(s) here]

must **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.** Tropical Cyclone [Name] is causing a [widespread / localised / fast-moving / dangerous] storm surge. Go immediately to stay with family or friends away from the storm surge areas. Your life is at risk.

Storm surge is a rise in sea level over and above the normal tide levels because of a cyclone. **Storm surge is a threat to life and property.**

An [evacuation centre/place of refuge/registration point/assembly area] has been set up here (insert link/area)

**In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.**

**What are we expecting?**

The Bureau of Meteorology advises [insert BOM prediction here, including time/when it’s expected to hit/track map].

* Big waves and sea water will travel a long way inland and through coastal creeks and rivers. This can flood and damage buildings, wash away roads and cars, and damage bridges.
* Roads could be blocked by fallen trees, powerlines, or flood water from the cyclone.
* There will be lots of wind and rain from the cyclone. There will be flooding in low-lying areas.
* Power, water, phone, and sewerage services could stop working.

**What you should do:**

* Decide how you will get to your safe place.
* Get your family members, pets and emergency kit and **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY** to a safe place away from the storm surge.
* Take your mobile phone, charger, medicine, identification, cash, and keys with you.
* Limit use of devices to save batteries.
* Watch out for debris, damaged roads, fallen trees or powerlines.
* Strong winds, rain and flooding make driving dangerous. Slow down and be careful.
* If you come to a flooded road, turn around and go another way. Do not drive, walk, or swim through flood water. Do not park your car under a tree when you get to safety.

**For more information:**

* Follow our local council disaster dashboard here [insert disaster dashboard link].
* Listen to your local radio [add ABC local radio or other station and frequency].
* For power outage information go to [energex.com.au](https://qldpolice.sharepoint.com/sites/EMC-PublicInfoWarnings-TQPS/Shared%20Documents/General/WARNINGS/Templates/NEW%20&%20IMPROVED%20TEMPLATES%20(SES%20INSPIRED)/Final%20Flood%20Templates%2012092024/energex.com.au) or [ergon.com.au/network](https://qldpolice.sharepoint.com/sites/EMC-PublicInfoWarnings-TQPS/Shared%20Documents/General/WARNINGS/Templates/NEW%20&%20IMPROVED%20TEMPLATES%20(SES%20INSPIRED)/Final%20Flood%20Templates%2012092024/ergon.com.au/network) [select energy provider].
* Check the latest weather, warnings, rainfall, and river heights at the [Bureau of Meteorology Queensland website.](http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/)
* For emergency help in floods and storms, call the QLD SES on 132 500 or download the SES Assistance QLD App.
* Check road closures at the [QLD Traffic website](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au) or for phone service call 13 19 40.
* Check disruptions to public transport at the [Translink website](https://translink.com.au/service-updates).