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| **TAKE SHELTER NOW** |
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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 the people in the following area(s):

* [Add location(s) here]

to **TAKE SHELTER NOW** inside and up high. Do not try to drive.

**If your life is in danger, 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].

* Homes and buildings [have been / could be] flooded.
* Landslides [have happened/could happen] – be aware of fallen earth, rocks, debris, or trees.
* 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 some areas.
* Power, water, phone, and sewerage services could stop working.

**What you need to do**:

**If you are outside now**:

* Go to a safe place, indoors and on high ground.
* If you cannot shelter inside, get to higher ground away from trees. Trees can fall down when the ground is very wet.
* Move away from creeks and rivers.

**If you are already driving:**

* Driving now is dangerous. Find a high safe place to pull over away from trees, creeks, and rivers. Floodwater is dangerous - do not drive through floodwater. If the road is flooded, go a different way.
* Listen to your local radio station for warnings and traffic updates.

**If you are inside and can’t leave safely:**

* Stay inside and watch for rising flood water.
* If floodwater comes inside, move to a higher point like the kitchen bench or second storey and call Triple Zero (000).

**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%26%20IMPROVED%20TEMPLATES%20%28SES%20INSPIRED%29/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%26%20IMPROVED%20TEMPLATES%20%28SES%20INSPIRED%29/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).