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| **SHELTER INDOORS NOW** |
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| **[Location]**  |
| **Severe Weather (Descriptor)** |

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

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

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

* [Add location(s) here]

to **SHELTER INDOORS NOW** due to a [dangerous/severe] [dust storm/thunderstorm/severe weather] that is [approaching now/approaching very soon].

**If your life is in danger call Triple Zero (000) immediately.**

**For emergency help in floods and storms, call the QLD SES on 132 500 or download the SES Assistance QLD App.**

**What are we expecting?**

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

* Large damaging hail.
* Very heavy rain making it dangerous to drive, and flash flooding in low lying areas.
* Very strong winds, causing fallen trees and branches that can damage houses, cars, and roads.
* Powerlines could come down and the power could go out in some areas.
* Power, phones, internet, and water might stop working in some places.
* Dust storms and strong winds can cause respiratory issues.

**What you need to do:**

* Go inside a strong building now. Stay inside until the severe weather has passed.
* If you have children make sure they are with you or an adult you trust.
* Close doors and windows.
* Turn you air-conditioner on to re-circulation mode.
* Stay away from windows if there is large hail.
* Keep medications close by.
* Put your pets somewhere safe and make sure they can be identified in case they get lost.
* It is too dangerous to drive. Pull over in a safe place away from trees and creeks.
* If flood water comes inside, move to a higher point like the kitchen bench or the second storey.
* Warn family and friends.
* If you are camping, caravanning or outdoors, pack up your campsite or fully secure it. Go to a strong building or structure now like an amenities block or bridge. Do not shelter under trees.

**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%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/)
* 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).