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| **TOO DANGEROUS TO LEAVE** |
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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]

Must stay in place,it is **TOO DANGEROUS TO LEAVE.**

**Get up as high as you can where you are**. Tropical Cyclone [Name] is causing a [widespread / localised / fast-moving / dangerous] storm surge. Evacuation routes are now cut off by flooding. 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.**

**If your life is in danger, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. Emergency services may not be able get to you because it is too dangerous.**

**What are we expecting?**

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

* Homes and buildings are [badly / fully] flooded.
* Main roads are closed.
* Evacuation routes are closed.
* 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.
* 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 need to do:**

* Stay where you are and get up as highas you safely can. This could be upstairs or on the roof if it is safe to do so.
* Help other people who are with you if you can.
* Stay in place until you are rescued, or the water goes down enough to safely leave.
* 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.
* 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.

**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).