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| **MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND** |
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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 **MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND** now.This could be with family or friends away from the storm surge areas. Tropical Cyclone [Name] is [going to cause / causing] a [widespread / localised / fast-moving / dangerous] storm surge. 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.**

It will soon be too late to leave. **People who find it hard to move quickly should leave immediately.** An [evacuation centre/cyclone shelter] has been set up here (insert link/area)

**For non-life-threatening flood and storm emergency assistance, contact SES on 132500, 132500.qld.gov.au, or the SES Assistance Qld app on Android or iOS. In a life-threatening situation, 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].

* There will be lots of wind and rain from the cyclone. There will be flooding in low-lying areas.

**What you need to do:**

**Prepare your home:**

* Put chemicals and poisons up high to stop them polluting the water.
* Lift important things onto bed, tables, shelves or upstairs to protect them.
* Use sandbags to block toilets, sinks and drains to stop sewerage backflow.
* Decide if you need to turn off the power, solar, water and gas before you leave.
* Move cars to high ground away from trees.
* Check your family, friends and neighbours know what to do. Help them if you can.

**If you need to drive:**

* Do not drive through floodwater. If the road is flooded, go a different way.
* Watch out for damaged roads, fallen trees or powerlines.

**If you find it hard to move quickly or have special or medical needs:**

* Use your Person-Centred Emergency Plan (P-CEP) now if you have one.
* Make sure you have enough medicine for at least one week.
* If anyone in your house uses powered medical equipment, like a dialysis machine or ventilator, decide now where you will go in case you lose power.
* Call your support person or service to organise transport if you need to leave.
* Leaving early is safer than waiting.

**If you are a tourist, visitor, camper or caravanner:**

* Campers and caravanners should start packing up now.
* If you do not need to be in the warning area, leave now. Check road conditions and plan your route before you leave.

**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](http://www.energex.com.au/) or [ergon.com.au/network](http://www.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/)
* Information on what to do during a disaster visit the [Get Ready Queensland website (During a Disaster).](https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/during-disaster)
* 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).