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| **PREPARE NOW** |
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| **[Location]** |
| **Tropical Cyclone [Name]** |

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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]

to **PREPARE NOW** for Tropical Cyclone [Name] that is [forming off / stationary off / moving [slowly or quickly] towards] the Queensland coast. 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].

The tropical cyclone could cross the coast [near location / between location 1 and 2] by [tomorrow / day of the week e.g., Monday]. Conditions will get worse as it gets closer to land.

**What you need to do:**

**Check or make an emergency kit:**

* Find out how to get ready for a tropical cyclone and pack an emergency kit at the [Get Ready Queensland website (Get Prepared).](https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared)
* Fill up containers and the bath with clean water for drinking in case the water supply is cut off.

**Prepare your property:**

* Fill your car with fuel or charge it. Park it undercover. Do not park under a tree.
* Put away or tie down outside items like furniture, gas bottles, and play equipment.
* If your home is not safe, plan to stay with family or friends.
* If you are near the beach or a coastal waterway, storm surge could cause flooding. This is dangerous. Decide now where you will evacuate to.
* Close cyclone shutters if you have them, or cover windows with plywood, mattress, or heavy blanket.
* Find out how to safely turn off power, solar, water, and gas to your house. Be ready to turn it off if told to.
* Check your family, friends and neighbours know what to do. Help them if you can.

**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.
* If you stay, ask accommodation staff where to shelter if the cyclone comes.

**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/)
* 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).