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| **LEAVE BY [XX:XX AM/PM]** |
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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]

to **LEAVE BY [time, day, date]. You are in danger.** Tropical Cyclone [Name] will cause a [widespread / localised / fast-moving / dangerous] storm surge [today/overnight]. Go immediately to stay with family or friends away from the storm surge areas. 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.**

An [evacuation centre/place of refuge/registration point/assembly area] has been set up here (insert link/area)

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

**What are we expecting?**

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

* 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:**

* Get your family members, pets and emergency kit and go to a safe place away from the storm surge.
* **If there is still time:**
  + Put chemicals and poisons up high to stop them polluting the water.
  + Lift important things onto bed, tables, shelves or upstairs to protect them.
  + Collect or create sandbags by filling pillowcases or shopping bags with sand and place them around doorways, in toilets and over drains to prevent rising sewage.
  + Unplug all electrical items, and turn off the power, solar, water and gas. This will help remove electrical dangers when you come back.
  + 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:**

* Strong winds, rain and flooding will make driving dangerous. Slow down and be careful.
* Do not drive through floodwater. If the road is flooded, go a different way.
* Watch out for debris, damaged roads, fallen trees or powerlines.
* Park your car undercover and away from trees when you get to safety.

**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).