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| **PREPARE TO TAKE SHELTER** |
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| **[Location]**  |
| **Tropical Cyclone [Name]** |



**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 TO TAKE SHELTER** for Tropical Cyclone [Name] that is [forming off / stationary off / moving [slowly or quickly] towards] the Queensland coast.

An [evacuation centre/registration point/assembly area] 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] by [time: tomorrow or day of the week]. Conditions will be dangerous as it gets closer to land. You can expect:

* Very strong winds that could knock down trees, powerlines, and blow roofs off.
* Power, phone, internet, and water might stop working.
* Places near the coast could get dangerous storm surge and flood.
* Heavy rain [and storm surge] may cause flooding in some places.

**What you need to do:**

* Find out how to ready for a tropical cyclone at the [Get Ready Queensland website (Get Prepared)](https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared) and make an emergency kit.
* Find the strongest and safest room in the building you are in. This will be away from big windows. It could be a bathroom, walk-in wardrobe, or hallway. Shelter here when the tropical cyclone comes.
* Cover windows with plywood, a mattress or heavy blanket. Shelter under a mattress if the roof comes off.
* Put your emergency kit in your safe room.
* Do not use gas or generators inside. Fumes can be deadly.
* Fill your car with fuel or charge it, and park it undercover. Do not park under a tree.
* Store or tie down outside items, like caravans, boats, trailers, outdoor furniture, gas bottles, toys and play equipment.
* Move outdoor furniture inside or sink it in your pool so it doesn’t fly around in strong winds.
* Boil and conserve water for drinking, cooking, and bathing, in case water supplies are impacted.
* Be ready to turn off power, solar, water and gas to your house if you can and if it is safe.
* Check your family, friends and neighbours know what to do. Help them if you can.

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

* Campers and caravanners should pack up now.
* Visitors should move to an evacuation centre, registration point or assembly area.
* Airports and highways could close if the tropical cyclone gets closer.
* If you choose to stay, ask accommodation staff where to shelter if the tropical cyclone hits.

**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).