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| **TAKE SHELTER 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 for people in the following area(s):

* [Add location(s) here]

to **TAKE SHELTER NOW** from Tropical Cyclone [insert name]. Tropical Cyclone [Name] [is crossing / is about to cross / will soon cross] the coast [at / near] [location].

People in [location] must **TAKE SHELTER NOW**. Go to the strongest, safest part of the building you are in. This will be away from big windows. It could be a bathroom, walk-in wardrobe, or hallway. **Stay there.**

**In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.**

**Emergency services may not be able to get 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/track map].

* The wind is very dangerous and will be very loud.
* You will hear things breaking outside and hitting your house.
* Winds could stop suddenly if the eye of the tropical cyclone goes over. Very dangerous winds could start again quickly from a different direction.
* Very strong winds can knock down trees and powerlines, blow roofs off houses, and blow away anything not tied down outside. This is a risk to life.
* Power, phone, and internet will stop working. They could be out for a long time.

**What you need to do:**

* Cover any windows in your safe room with a mattress or heavy blankets. This could protect you if the window breaks.Keep all doors and windows closed.
* If the roof comes off, shelter under your mattress and blankets.
* Stay in your safe placeuntil you are told it is safe. This could take several hours.
* Keep pets in a safe place inside.
* Do not use generators inside. Fumes can be deadly.
* Limit use of devices to save batteries. Listen to local radio for 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](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).