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| **PREPARE NOW** |
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| **[Location]**  |
| **Severe Weather (Descriptor)** |

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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 location(s):

* [Add location(s) here]

to **PREPARE NOW** for a [dangerous/severe] [dust storm/thunderstorm/severe weather] that is [approaching now/approaching very soon].

**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].

* Damaging hail.
* Very heavy rain making it dangerous to drive, flash flooding is possible.
* Dust storms with the potential to cause respiratory issues.
* Strong winds causing debris like fallen trees, powerlines could come down and the power could go out.

**What you need to do:**

* Find out how to get ready for severe weather at the [Get Ready Queensland website (Get Prepared).](https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared)
	+ Keep medications close by.
	+ Consider parking your car under cover and away from trees, powerlines, and drains.
	+ Consider securing or putting away items, such as outdoor furniture, trampolines and roofing iron that could blow around in strong winds.
	+ Prepare for if the power goes out.
	+ If you have children make sure they are with you or an adult you trust.
	+ Tell friends, family, and neighbours in the area.

**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 consider 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.
* Be ready to move if the situation gets worse.
* Ask the campground owners whether the site floods.
* Check your surroundings of water catchments, and monitor conditions.

**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).