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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 area(s):

* [Add location(s) here]

to **PREPARE NOW** due toa [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)
* Close doors and windows and move or stay indoors clear of windows.
* If you must travel, consider the consequences of road conditions and closures, and make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
* Pack away, tie down, or secure outdoor furniture, toys, and trampolines.
* If your roof or house is struck by a fallen tree/branch or other large debris - stay clear and remain indoors if you can. It may have been structurally weakened, even if there is no obvious damage.
* Put your pets somewhere safe, ensure they can be easily identified if they get lost.
* Keep medications close by.
* Charge mobile phones and power banks in case power goes out.
* Locate your emergency kit in case you lose power.
* If caught outdoors, shelter under sturdy cover away from trees, and power lines.
* Stay clear of fallen trees, power lines and damaged buildings.
* Do not drive in floodwater. If you come to a flooded road turn around and go another way. Turn your headlights during severe weather.
* Warn friends, family, and neighbors in the area.

**If you decide to leave early:**

* Lift important things onto bed, tables, shelves or upstairs to protect them.
* Lift waste containers, chemicals, and poisons up high.
* Pack enough clothes, food, water, medicine, baby items (like nappies, formula) and pet food for [three / five / other] days. Plan not to have a fridge or microwave.
* Take your pets, mobile phone charger, battery-powered radio, torch, and valuables like photos, cash, and important documents (like identification, insurance, or banking records).
* Lock windows and doors.
* Go to a safe place, away from severe weather. This could be with family or a friend.
* If you come to a flooded road, turn around and go another way. Do not drive through floodwater.

**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).