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STORM SMART




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KNOW YOUR RISK



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Storms can occur any time of year.
In Western Australia, storms occur more frequently between May and October.


Storms can be extremely dangerous and cause widespread damage and destruction. They can even cause injury or loss of life.

Damaging winds, flash floods, lightning and hail cause damage to homes, cars and the environment and disrupt essential services like electricity, water and gas.



02 GET PREPARED





Storm damage to homes and property is usually caused by loose and broken roof materials, fallen trees and branches and flooding from blocked gutters and downpipes.

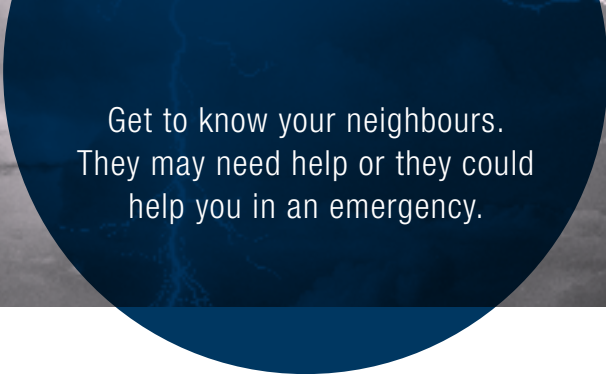
Preparing your family and property for storms is your responsibility. Make it a priority between March and May and get your home ready inside and out.

PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

Minimise the amount of damage to your property:

- Check your roof and gutters and fix any damage. Remove any loose material, including broken or missing tiles.
- Clear gutters and downpipes of leaves and blockages.
- Trim branches near your home and clear trees from powerlines.
- Put away or tie down any loose material from your yard, balcony or patio, such as outdoor furniture or trampolines.
- Check your home and contents insurance is up to date.

It's important to prepare your home and family for storms because they can be extremely dangerous. Storms can cause injury or loss of life.



Get to know your neighbours.
They may need help or they could
help you in an emergency.

When a storm is forecast

- Secure or remove any loose objects around your property. Loose items can be potential deadly missiles during a storm.
- Ensure your pets and animals are in a safe sheltered place.
- If you are away from home, contact family, friends or neighbours to check your home is secure.
- Move your vehicles under cover, not under trees.
- Remove your boats and other vessels from the water. Ensure all loose items are securely stowed and store them in a safe, sheltered place.
- If it's too late to remove your boats or other vessels from the water, close all hatches and ports, stow loose items securely and check that mooring lines are secure.
- Do not go boating, camping, fishing, swimming or surfing.



During a storm

- If you are sheltering in your home during a storm, close your curtains and blinds and stay away from windows.
- If there is lightning, unplug electrical appliances and do not use landline telephones.
- If there is flooding, use sandbags to prevent further flooding.
- If you are outdoors, find safe shelter away from trees, powerlines, metal objects, storm water drains, rivers and streams.
- If driving, slow down, turn your lights on and keep a safe distance from other drivers. If you cannot see, pull over and park in a safe location with your hazard lights on until the storm clears. If you see water over the road, stop and assess the situation. It's ok to turn away.





After the storm

- Check your home and property for damage. Stack any loose material such as branches and debris away from water meters, valves and telephone lines.
- Keep away from fallen powerlines. If you see fallen powerlines, contact Western Power on 131 087.
- Keep children away from flooded drains, rivers, streams and waterways.
- Check on friends and neighbours to see if they need help.
- If you need to drive, avoid gravel roads as surfaces will be slippery and muddy, and vehicles could become bogged.

PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT

Pack an emergency kit using a waterproof container and include the following:



A waterproof bag containing important documents like passports, ID, insurance documents and prescriptions



Portable battery operated AM/FM radio



Waterproof torch

New, spare batteries

First aid kit with manual

Medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies

Special requirements for infants, elderly, injured and disabled people

Mobile phone and charger



Cash and bank cards

Emergency contact numbers



Spare house and car keys

Combination pocket knife



Drinking water

Canned food – enough for three days



A can opener, cooking gear and eating utensils

Water container for storing washing and cooking water

A copy of this brochure including your storm plan



If you live in an area that is prone to flooding and may need to relocate, add in the following items:

- Change of clothing and shoes
- Pillows, sleeping bags and blankets
- Camping stove or gas burner
- Books, toys and games for children

It's important that everyone in your household knows where the emergency kit is kept.

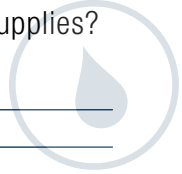


OUR STORM PLAN

Make a storm plan with your family. When a storm happens suddenly there won't be time to think. Everyone in the household needs to know what to do.

This storm plan is for:
(list all household members)

Where do we turn off our supplies?
(Electricity, Gas, Water)



When will we put this plan into action?

Who will be responsible for turning off these supplies and when?

Where is our emergency kit kept?

What is our plan for our pets and other animals?

What outdoor items do we need to put away and secure? How will we secure them?

If we need to leave for a safer place, where will we go?

Who will be responsible to secure items and put outdoor items away?

Items we need to take – remember your Emergency Kit:



If you have pets and animals, you need to decide what you will do with them during a storm. Will they be sheltered in the home or will you take them with you if you relocate? Don't forget to pack extra food, water and bedding for them in your Emergency Kit.



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS



Police, Fire, Ambulance (for life threatening emergencies): **000**

State Emergency Service (SES) assistance: **132 500**

Local GP / Doctors surgery

Local shire / council

Hospital

Neighbour

Out of area family contact

School

Work numbers

Insurance company

Where to stay informed

ABC Radio – frequency:

Weather and cyclone forecasts:

Emergency WA website:

bom.gov.au

emergency.wa.gov.au

Road conditions (Main Roads):

On the DFES Facebook page

138 138

facebook.com/dfeswa

DFES Public Information line:

On the DFES Twitter feed

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twitter.com/dfes_wa

Bureau of Meteorology Land
Weather and Flood Warnings:

1300 659 213



WHEN SHOULD I CALL SES?

Is anyone trapped or injured?

Yes

Call **Triple Zero (000)**

No

Is your roof leaking heavily or badly damaged?

Is your house flooded or beginning to flood?

Has a large tree fallen on your house or driveway?

Are you trapped in your house due to storm damage?

Is your house badly damaged and in need of temporary repairs that you cannot fix yourself?

No

Yes

Contact your insurance company, a private contractor or repair it yourself if it's safe.

For non life threatening emergency help

Call the SES on 132 500

Your call will be logged.
You will receive a reference number.
Your local SES will attend as soon as possible.

Tear off and place on your fridge



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