

State Emergency Service



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First significant low pressure system for this winter

With severe weather forecast for today, State Emergency Service (SES) is urging South Australians to prepare their home to withstand the impacts of strong winds and rain over the coming days.

“Apart from checking that gutters and downpipes are not blocked, we also suggest putting away anything that might become airborne such as trampolines, market umbrellas, outdoor furniture and garden tools” SES State Duty Officer Ian Bonython advised.

South Australians are being advised to call 132 500 if they require assistance from the SES due to storm-related damage. If the matter is life threatening the best number to call is 000.

SASES volunteers are on standby to respond at any time of the day or night. However, we urge everyone to take some preparatory steps as we head into what is traditionally the busiest operational time of the year for the SES.

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- Ensure loose items such as outdoor furniture and children's play equipment are put away or secured
- Park vehicles undercover and well away from trees
- Stay indoors and away from windows and skylights when weather conditions are severe
- Stay away from fallen powerlines. Always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks on 13 13 66 as soon as possible
- Shelter and secure pets and other animals
- Check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates

Flood and severe weather information is available on the SA SES website – www.ses.sa.gov.au

Alternatively, you can follow SASES Twitter @SA_SES or SASES Facebook @SAStateEmergencyService

For SES response in floods or storms telephone 132 500. If the matter is life threatening telephone 000

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