

State Emergency Service

# Media Release



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## SES advises against driving, riding or walking through floodwaters after heavy rains overnight

The SA State Emergency Service (SES) advises that people should not drive, ride or walk through floodwaters.

The warning comes after a night of heavy rains throughout the Adelaide Hills and southern Adelaide suburbs with some locations recording falls of more than 70 millimetres (mm).

Further falls of 10 to 30 mm are expected across Adelaide today, possibly reaching 30 to 50 mm in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

SES Commander – South Derren Halleday said parents and carers should also closely monitor children, ensuring they stay well clear of flooded creeks and stormwater drains.

Mr Halleday said the area around the Finnis River, on southern Fleurieu Peninsula, had already seen some localised flooding.

“At this stage, we are aware that at least two houses have been affected, others may be under threat and some roads in the area have been closed by SAPOL,” Mr Halleday said.

“The SES is attending to a number of requests for assistance from residents and have plans in place to supplement this response if required later today,” Mr Halleday said.

Anyone requiring SES assistance should call 132 500. For life-threatening emergencies you should call 000.

The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a Flood Watch for the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges. Up-to-date warnings and further information on the expected weather over the next few days can be found on the BOM website [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au).

In the event of flooding, the SES advises the following precautions:

- activate your Emergency Plan
- stay tuned into warnings and updates
- move vehicles, outdoor equipment, garbage, chemicals and poisons to higher locations
- move pets and agisted animals to high ground
- keep in contact with your neighbours and make sure they are aware of the risk of flooding
- check your emergency kit is fully stocked.

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