

State Emergency Service **Media Release**



Thursday, 16 August, 2012

Severe weather warning for large parts of SA

The SA State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has issued a further severe weather warning today for damaging winds for people living in large parts of the state.

People living in the Adelaide Metropolitan, Mount Lofty Ranges, Lower Eyre Peninsula, Eastern Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Mid North, Upper South East, Lower South East and parts of the West Coast, Flinders, Riverland and Murraylands districts may be affected.

The bureau advises that a vigorous cold front will move across the state this afternoon and evening.

The front is expected to reach the West Coast and Lower Eyre Peninsula this afternoon and extend eastwards to reach Adelaide by this evening.

Damaging winds near and behind the front averaging 55-65km/h, with peak gusts in excess of 90km/h, particularly with showers and thunderstorms, are forecast in the warning area this afternoon and evening.

Squally showers and thunderstorms developing ahead of the front this afternoon may also produce locally damaging wind gusts in excess of 90km/h.

Locations which may be affected include Adelaide, Mount Crawford, Port Lincoln, Mount Gambier, Ceduna, Maitland and Kingscote.

Up-to-date warnings and further information on the expected weather can be found on the BOM website www.bom.gov.au

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- ensure loose items such as outdoor furniture, garden tools and children's play equipment (such as trampolines and cubby houses) are put away or secured
- park vehicles undercover and 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 ETSA Utilities on 131 366)
- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- shelter and secure pets and other animals
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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