

# State Emergency Service

## Media Release



Tuesday, 4 September 2012

## BoM extends severe weather warning

The SA State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has extended a severe weather warning this afternoon for damaging winds.

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

The bureau advises that a front located just to the west of Ceduna today at 4pm will move eastwards, reaching the Adelaide metropolitan area about 2-3am tomorrow morning.

Strong northerly winds ahead of the front may cause local damage, with gusts around 90-100 km/h over Eyre and Yorke peninsulas and Kangaroo Island this evening and over the Mount Lofty and Flinders ranges overnight.

During Wednesday, a deep low will move east across waters to the south of the state. This low will bring squally showers, isolated thunderstorms and strong to gale force northwest to westerly winds to the southern half of the state.

The damaging winds, averaging 50-70 km/h with gusts in excess of 90 km/h, are expected to develop in the far west overnight, extend to coastal areas west of about Meningie by sunrise Wednesday and to the remainder of the warning area during the morning.

Locations which may be affected on Wednesday include the Adelaide area, Port Lincoln, Maitland, Clare, Naracoorte and Mount Gambier.

Up-to-date warnings and further information on the expected weather can be found on the BoM website [www.bom.gov.au](http://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 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 (formerly ETSA Utilities) on 13 13 66)
- 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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