

# State Emergency Service **Media Release**



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## **SES has one of its busiest days this winter**

The SA State Emergency Service (SES) has had one of its busiest days this winter with 430 calls for assistance received from the public up until 10pm last night.

Most of the calls resulted from fallen trees but there were also calls from householders who had lost sheets of galvanised iron or tiles from the roofs of their homes.

SES State Duty Officer Craig Brassington said the majority of the calls had come from the Adelaide metropolitan area but there had also been areas in regional parts of the state heavily impacted.

“We had a lot of jobs come through from in and around Murray Bridge as well as from Mount Gambier in the South East,” Mr Brassington said.

“We also had reports of wind gusts of up to 138 kilometres per hour in Port Lincoln where one resident reported that their trampoline had been blown into their neighbour’s backyard,” he added.

Mr Brassington said SES volunteers had performed exceptionally well in the very cold and windy conditions.

“At one stage yesterday afternoon our call centre was receiving a new call for assistance every 30 seconds so inevitably a bit of backlog built up as we attended to every job,” Mr Brassington said.

“We would like to thank people for their patience as they waited for our crews to arrive,” he added.

The number of calls for assistance dropped considerably after 10pm last night with only 13 calls between midnight and 6am. These were mainly from residents living in the Adelaide Hills and included locations such as Woodside, Gumeracha, Uraidla and Mount Crawford.

Up-to-date warnings and further information on the weather expected today can be found on the BoM website [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au). People requiring flood or storm assistance from the SES should call 132 500.

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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