

State Emergency Service

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Bureau issues severe thunderstorm warning

The SA State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has issued a severe thunderstorm warning for damaging winds, heavy rainfall and large hailstones for large parts of the state, including the Adelaide metropolitan area and the Adelaide Hills.

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

The bureau advises that a vigorous front over Eyre Peninsula will move eastwards across central and eastern South Australia today and will be accompanied by squally winds and thunderstorms.

Localised damaging winds in excess of 90km/h are possible over the next several hours, mainly with thunderstorms.

Further more significant thunderstorms are expected to develop this afternoon. Some of these are likely to be severe with damaging wind gusts and very heavy rainfall that may lead to flash flooding. There is also a risk of large hailstones north of about Whyalla.

Locations which may be affected include Adelaide, Whyalla, Coober Pedy, Roxby Downs, Port Augusta and Maitland.

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 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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