

State Emergency Service

Media Release



Friday, 21 March 2014

Severe weather warning for South East

The State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has issued a severe weather warning today for damaging winds in the Lower South East and parts of the Upper South East districts.

The warning, issued at 9.18am, advises that strong to gale force winds averaging 50-60km/h, reaching 60-70km/h with gusts of 80-90km/h, are forecast in the warning area during the next several hours.

Locations which may be affected include Mount Gambier, Meningie, Robe and Millicent.

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 on 13 13 66
- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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