

State Emergency Service

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Bureau issues severe thunderstorm warning for damaging wind, heavy rainfall and large hailstones

The State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has issued a severe thunderstorm warning today for damaging wind, heavy rainfall and large hailstones.

People living in the Flinders, Mid North, Riverland, Murraylands and parts of the Mount Lofty Ranges and North East Pastoral districts may be affected.

The warning, issued at 12.43pm, advises that thunderstorms are occurring in the Flinders and North East Pastoral districts and are expected to develop across eastern parts of the state this afternoon.

Some of these may be severe, with damaging wind gusts in excess of 90km/h and localised heavy rainfall that may lead to flash flooding.

There is also a risk of large hailstones with thunderstorms in the Flinders and North East Pastoral districts.

Locations which may be affected include Hawker, Leigh Creek, Yunta, Peterborough, Clare and Renmark.

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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