

State Emergency Service

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Important to prepare now for windy weather

With significant wind predicted on Sunday, the State Emergency Service (SES) is suggesting South Australians take a moment to check their property is well prepared for spring storms.

SES State Duty Officer Sara Pulford said that a few basic maintenance steps taken now will go a long way to making your home 'StormSafe'.

"Each spring our volunteers attend many incidents that could have been avoided if some simple maintenance had taken place. A few checks and fixes before spring storms strike can save a property owner in repair costs and stress later on" Dr. Pulford said.

"But put your own safety first - if you are not confident working on ladders, get the help of a professional tradesperson", she added.

The SES advises the following:

1. Ensure loose items such as outdoor furniture and play equipment are put away or secured.
2. Trim tree branches around your house to prevent them causing damage to your home's roof, car, carport, sheds or fencing.
3. Check your roof, from inside and out. A roof in good condition is your best protection against stormy weather.
4. Check that your insurance policy is current and adequate.
5. Make a plan of what you and your family will do in an emergency. Consider where you will go and how you will keep in contact. Don't forget your pets and make sure everyone understands the plan.
6. Prepare an emergency kit. Your kit should include things you need to leave your home in a hurry such as important legal documents, any required medications and prescriptions, food, water, a battery-powered radio (with spare batteries) as well as a mobile phone with a charger.
7. Listen to your local radio and other media for weather warnings.

Additional information about preparing for severe weather can be found on the SES website www.ses.sa.gov.au. The Bureau of Meteorology's website www.bom.gov.au is also a good source of information about the weather and any warnings.

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