

State Emergency Service

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Severe weather warning issued by the bureau for Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges

The State Emergency Service (SES) advises that the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has issued a severe weather warning for damaging winds for a number of districts, including Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges.

The bureau advises that, apart from Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges, other districts which may be impacted are Lower Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Murraylands, Upper South East, Lower South East and parts of the West Coast, Eastern Eyre Peninsula and Mid North districts.

The warning, issued at 3.57 pm today, advises that gale force winds north to northwesterly were experienced over Yorke Peninsula and the Mount Lofty Ranges today and have now decreased slightly.

A cold front embedded in a vigorous and squally westerly air stream is forecast to reach the west coast of Eyre Peninsula around sunset and track across southern areas tonight.

Damaging wind gusts in excess of 90 km/h are possible this evening about southern parts of the warning area near and following the cold front. The damaging wind gusts are likely to extend across the whole warning area from about 2 am Tuesday and be mostly associated with showers and thunderstorms.

The west to northwesterly winds may reach gale force at times averaging 50-65 km/h with and behind the cold front, mainly about the coasts and higher ground.

Locations which may be affected include Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Kingscote, Mount Gambier, Elliston, Maitland and Keith.

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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