

State Emergency Service

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## Forecast widespread rains prompts SES warning

With the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) forecasting widespread rains across much of the state tomorrow and Wednesday, the State Emergency Service (SES) is urging people to be prepared.

Simple preparatory measures, such as ensuring gutters and downpipes are free of leaf litter, twigs and other debris, will help ensure that damage to people's homes is minimised during periods of heavy rain.

The BoM has advised that a slow moving low pressure system will develop over the west of South Australia (SA) and move slowly across the state during the next few days. Areas of rain, showers and thunderstorms are expected in western parts of SA today and damaging wind gusts of 90 kilometres per hour are possible this afternoon and evening. A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is current as of midday today.

As the low moves further east on Tuesday and Wednesday, rain, showers and thunderstorms will develop over most parts of the state. Severe thunderstorms are likely to develop. The BoM will issue a Severe Thunderstorm Warning when this eventuates.

Rainfall is expected to be widespread across the state with cumulative rainfall totals to midnight Thursday of 10-20mm, reaching 20-40mm over the agricultural area and far south of the pastoral districts. Isolated falls of 40-60mm are possible over the northern agricultural area, on and east of the ranges and parts of the Mount Lofty Ranges. The wettest period for the Adelaide area is likely to be overnight Tuesday and into Wednesday morning. Conditions will begin to clear late Wednesday into Thursday.

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.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said it was also important motorists drive to the weather conditions during periods of heavy rainfall.

"There is likely to be quite a bit of water over the roads. Combined with the dirt and oil already on the roads, the rain can result in driving becoming very hazardous," Mr Beattie said.

"It's important that motorists do not drive through flooded rivers, creeks or fords. Research both here in Australia and overseas indicates that there have been many avoidable deaths because motorists have decided to take the risk and drive through floodwater," Mr Beattie said.

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