

State Emergency Service

Media Release



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SES advises caution for next 24 hours

With a vigorous rainfall front, cold weather and high winds moving across the state and impacting the Adelaide metropolitan area this afternoon and throughout the evening, the South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) is advising strong caution over the next 24 hours.

The potential also exists for higher than forecast tides due to storm surges later this afternoon, SES has already provided thousands of sandbags, advice and where possible sand, to communities where there may be an increased risk.

SES has advised that there are a number of areas that the community needs to be particularly concerned about over the next 24 hours. These are:

- Adelaide and the state's southern regions will experience very cold weather conditions, causing discomfort and potential harm to the very young, elderly and the homeless
- Heavy rain and high tides may cause localised flooding in coastal regions
- High winds combined with heavy rain may cause damage to trees already drenched from recent rains
- Swollen creeks and waterways may become fast moving and dangerous
- Roads may become flooded and hazardous to drivers and walkers

SES Chief of Staff Leanne Adams has also indicated that the potential large crowd attending and departing the Adelaide Crows football match at the Adelaide Oval this evening may face particularly nasty weather conditions and to be patient and careful on the footpaths and whilst driving on the roads.

Ms. Adams has reinforced that driving or walking through flooded roads can be hazardous or fatal at any time and should be avoided at all costs.

"Even though we continue to advise motorists and walkers to avoid flooded roads we still find that some people take risks, I strongly stress that when encountering large amounts of water on the road, pull over and wait for either; the water to subside or directions from emergency services or local authorities", Ms. Adams said.

During severe weather, the SES advises the following precautions:

- never walk, ride or drive through floodwaters
- be aware of the high risk of high seas in and around jetties
- stay away from fallen powerlines. Always assume fallen powerlines are live – they should be reported to SA Power Networks on 13 13 66
- park vehicles undercover and well away from trees
- stay indoors and away from windows and skylights when weather conditions are severe
- shelter and secure pets and other animals, and
- check weather forecasts regularly and listen to local radio for updates.

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