

State Emergency Service

Media Release



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SES advises it's time to be a good neighbour

With the Bureau of Meteorology forecasting some extremely cold, wet and wintry weather over the next 24 hours – and some Adelaide Hills residents likely to be without power for some time – the State Emergency Service (SES) is urging people to check on the welfare of their neighbours, friends and family and particularly the vulnerable.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie urged Adelaide Hills residents to either telephone or call in on their neighbours to make sure they are coping with the conditions, staying warm and have plenty of food and water.

“Despite the weather, this is a great opportunity for Adelaide Hills residents to show some community spirit and help people through this difficult period,” Mr Beattie said.

Mr Beattie advised that people still needed to be careful in trying to heat their home. Don't use outside gas or heating appliances inside. This can be deadly.

“Motorists still need to be vigilant if they are venturing out tonight in the Adelaide Hills or anywhere in the Fleurieu Peninsula,” Mr Beattie said.

“Strong winds are also forecast tonight so it is important motorists are vigilant, keep an eye out for trees and other debris on the roads and drive to the conditions,” he added.

The SES also advises the following precautions:

- never drive, ride or walk through floodwaters
- If you don't absolutely need to drive within the next 12 hours, don't
- Do Not, under any circumstances use outdoor appliances inside the house
- 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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