

State Emergency Service

Media Release



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Cold weather set to continue

Severe weather is set to continue this afternoon with high winds, hail, rain and possibly snow forecasted by the Bureau of Meteorology.

The State Emergency Service (SES) warns the public to remain vigilant and ensure their own safety as the state is once again hit with storms.

SES volunteers have responded to more than 600 calls since midnight and is being assisted by Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers and crews from the SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS).

SES Chief of Staff Derren Halleday urged drivers to use caution on wet roads and still be mindful of fallen trees.

“With rain and hail roads can become extremely slippery, and if the forecast snow eventuates there is a real chance of black ice forming on our roads,” Mr Halleday said.

“Black ice is especially dangerous given it is difficult to see on sealed roads.”

The forecast continuing winds could also mean more fallen trees blocking roadways or damaging property.

“If you don’t have to be on the roads this afternoon, don’t be.”

If you want to report an incident call SES on 132 500 or if it is life-threatening call Triple Zero (000).

SES has received a spike in calls recently so please be patient.

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.

For media enquires telephone the SES Media Line on (08) 8211 6176

For SES response in floods or storms telephone 132 500. If the matter is life threatening telephone 000
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