

My severe weather emergency plan

What address is your emergency plan for?

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After a severe weather alert

The following steps may be advisable when severe weather is coming.
(Tick as many as apply to you and your household):

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| ☐ Close windows and curtains or blinds | ☐ Sandbag doors, vents, drains and toilets, as needed | ☐ Dismantle, weigh down or stake trampolines |
| ☐ Place towels beneath windows and doors | ☐ Clear leaves from roof gutters and downpipes | ☐ Fuel up or charge your car |
| ☐ Fill bathtub or laundry buckets with water | ☐ Secure outdoor furniture, bins and portable barbecues | ☐ Move your vehicle undercover or uphill, in floods |
| ☐ Trim branches close to buildings | ☐ Store loose items, including garden tools and toys | ☐ Turn off your electrical appliances and gas supply |
| ☐ Check in with your neighbours | | |

What is the finished floor level (FFL) of your home?

Find this detail on your property documents or through your local council to help make informed decisions about your flood risk.

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Pack your severe weather emergency kit

Your severe weather emergency kit should include essential items you need to keep your family comfortable and safe at home for three days, even without power.

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| ☐ Portable battery or solar-operated radio, plus spare batteries | ☐ Spare batteries | ☐ Waterproof clothing and footwear |
| ☐ Hard copy maps with evacuation routes marked | ☐ First aid kit with manual | ☐ Emergency contact numbers |
| ☐ Waterproof torches | ☐ A small gas stove | ☐ Waterproof bag for valuables |
| | ☐ Candles with waterproof matches | |

Where is your emergency kit stored?

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If you need to evacuate, add the following to your kit:

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| ☐ Spare cash, ATM cards and credit cards | ☐ Important documents, valuables and photos (in a waterproof bag) | ☐ Pet carrier, plus leads or harnesses |
| ☐ Medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies | ☐ Change of clothes for everyone | ☐ Pet food and water to last several days |
| ☐ Special supplies for infants, elderly, injured or disabled people | ☐ Favourite books or toys for children | ☐ Pet registration and vaccination papers |
| ☐ Mobile phone and charger | ☐ Drinking water (at least three litres per person per day) | ☐ Your pet's favourite toy |
| ☐ Other: | | |

Plan for evacuation

Depending on the situation, you may need to evacuate.
Decide on a clear leave trigger that suits your family or circumstances.

Our trigger to leave will be (tick as many as apply):

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| ☐ SES evacuation warning | ☐ Emergency Alert issued for our area |
| ☐ Access routes at risk | ☐ Cyclone warning upgraded |
| ☐ Rising water reaching our driveway or FFL | |
| ☐ Other: | |

Where will you go, and who will you tell?

Identify at least two evacuation locations and two people you will inform when you leave your home.

Address 1:

Route A:

Route B:

Address 2:

Route A:

Route B:

Emergency contact 1: Name: Number:

Emergency contact 2: Name: Number:

Is there anything else you need to consider?

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Evacuation plan for pets and livestock

Where will you take them?

☐ Emergency evacuation shelter ☐ Family:

☐ Boarding kennel ☐ Agistment properties

☐ Other:

Staying safe at home

If it's too late to evacuate safely, where will you shelter? Tick as many as apply.

During a cyclone?

☐ Bathroom or laundry ☐ Under a strong table ☐ Interior hallway

☐ Walk-in wardrobe ☐ or workbench

☐ Other:

During a flood?

☐ Upper floor ☐ Balcony or verandah ☐ Room with multiple entry points

☐ Other:

Stay informed

Where to get weather updates and warnings

Local ABC Radio station frequency:

Important contacts

In an emergency, call 000. Use the spaces below to record other important contacts:

Local SES:	Relative/friend 1:
Doctor:	Relative/friend 2:
Local council:	Home & Contents Insurer:
Work:	Policy number:
School:	Car Insurer
	Policy number:

Our household service providers:

Electricity: Water: Phone/Internet:
Other:

Keep your completed severe weather emergency plan with your emergency kit and remember to check and update your plan annually.

Disclaimer

The content in this PDF has been prepared based on current government and emergency services guidelines and expert advice provided at the time of publishing. This information is subject to change. Please be sure to check for the latest information and always consider your personal circumstances regarding bushfire preparedness and response.

Warning statement

Where you have increased your cover or reduced your excess within 72 hours (or other period noted on your policy schedule) of a flood, storm, hail or bushfire occurring, cover will be limited to the amount that was effective prior to the change. Loss, damage or legal liability caused by, resulting or arising from flood, storm, hail or bushfire during the first 72 hours (or other period noted on your policy schedule) of your policy first being purchased is excluded unless certain conditions apply. Refer to the relevant Product Disclosure Statement for full T&Cs.