



CYCLONE SMART

CYCLONE SEASON: NOVEMBER TO APRIL



BLUE ALERT - Get ready for a cyclone

When a blue alert is issued, you need to get ready to put your plan into place.

WHAT TO DO NOW:



- Keep up to date with the latest on the cyclone through radio, television & online.
- Remind everyone in the household of the cyclone plan they committed to.
- Locate your emergency kit (and if you're planning to relocate, add the additional items).
- Secure items like boats, caravans, trailers, garden sheds, rainwater tanks, outdoor furniture, loose material, LPG bottles and rubbish around your home and work.
- Check in with friends and neighbours to make sure they're getting prepared too.



YELLOW ALERT - Act now to stay safe

If you don't take action now, the safety of you and your family is at risk.

WHAT TO DO NOW:



- Keep up to date with the latest on the cyclone through radio, television and online – particularly storm surge advice.
- Put your plan into place. Go to your nearest welfare centre if you have planned to.
- Put fuel in your vehicle and park it in a sheltered area with the handbrake on and in park or first gear.
- Fasten all cyclone screens, board up or heavily tape exposed windows. Close your curtains and lock your doors.
- If you live in a low-lying coastal area and the cyclone will create a storm surge, you may be advised to relocate now.



RED ALERT - Shelter now

You need to take shelter immediately. It's too late to be getting prepared now.

WHAT TO DO NOW:



- Keep listening to your portable radio for information on the cyclone's progress. Don't rely on your mobile phone to be working.
- Check that pets and animals are safely sheltered.
- Turn off your electrical appliances and gas supply valves.
- Go immediately to the place where you planned to shelter in your home.
- Stay inside until the ALL CLEAR is given.



ALL CLEAR - Be careful

When an ALL CLEAR is given it means the cyclone has passed, but you are still at risk of hazards caused by the cyclone damage.

WHAT TO DO NOW:



- Check that your family and pets are safe and well.
- Listen to the radio and follow advice from authorities.
- Always wear shoes if you need to go outside. Be careful of fallen power lines and trees, damaged water and sewage lines, loose roof sheeting and other materials.
- Keep electrical appliances off until checked by a qualified tradesperson, and never use matches, cigarette lighters or naked flames, as there may be a gas leak.
- If your property has sustained serious damage and you need help, call the SES on 132 500 for assistance. For life threatening emergencies, call 000.

SEE OVER FOR
EMERGENCY
KIT AND NUMBERS.



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EMERGENCY KIT

You, your family and your pets will have a better chance of survival if you prepare an emergency kit before the cyclone season. Whether you shelter at home or relocate to a safer place your emergency kit needs to include:

GENERAL ITEMS

- Store important documents like passports, ID and insurance information in a waterproof bag
- Portable, battery operated AM/FM radio
- Waterproof torch and new, spare batteries
- First aid kit with manual
- Medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies
- Mobile phone and charger (or phone card)
- Cash and bank cards
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- Special requirements for infants, elderly, injured people, people with disability and pets

FOOD & WATER

- Drinking water – at least 12 litres per person
- Canned food – enough for 4 days
- A can opener, cooking gear and eating utensils
- Water container for storing washing and cooking water

PLANNING TO RELOCATE? YOU NEED TO INCLUDE:

- Sleeping bags, blankets and towels
- Tent or tarpaulin
- Pen and paper
- Books, playing cards or games
- Waterproof ponchos
- Spare clothing



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Stress can affect our memory - Fill out the information below to ease unnecessary pressure

Police, Fire, Ambulance (for life threatening emergencies): **000**

State Emergency Service (SES) assistance: **132 500**

Local GP / Doctors surgery: _____

Local shire / council: _____

Neighbour: _____

Out of area family contact: _____

School: _____

Work numbers: _____

Insurance company: _____



STAY INFORMED

- Emergency WA website: **www.emergency.wa.gov.au**
- Bureau of Meteorology Cyclone Warning Line: **1300 659 210**
- BOM Land Weather and Flood Warnings Line: **1300 659 213**
- Road conditions (Main Roads): **138 138**
- DFES Public Information line: **13 DFES (13 3337)**
- DFES Facebook page: **facebook.com/dfeswa**
- On the DFES Twitter feed: **twitter.com/dfes_wa**
- Weather and cyclone forecasts: **www.bom.gov.au/cyclone/**
- ABC Radio – local frequency:
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