Travellers

* More Queenslanders will be exploring their backyard this summer due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on usual holiday plans.
* Many of our interstate visitors are likely to stay over summer due to border closures.
* Queensland has a beautiful and diverse landscape, but that also means we face a wide range of weather across the state.
* In fact, Queensland is the most disaster impacted state in Australia.
* Even if you’re a born and bred Queenslander, it’s important to be prepared before you hit the road.
* Severe weather and disasters are the last thing on your mind when you’re on holiday but planning ahead will help make your holiday even more enjoyable.

**Understand your risk**

* While planning your holiday, research your destination and find out what severe weather is most common in the area.
* Talk to the local council or friends and family you have in the area to understand the history of disasters in the area.
* Once you understand the types of disasters you’re most likely to face, you are able to plan to minimise the impact of those events on your holiday.
* Stay updated in holiday locations by saving local emergency contacts and downloading useful apps such as The Bureau of Meteorology Weather app to your phone.

**Pack a car emergency kit**

* There is no better way to see all that Queensland has to offer than by packing up your car, campervan or caravan and going on the ultimate road trip.
* Before you hit the road, pack enough supplies to last at least one week if you are stranded.
* Having emergency supplies is particularly important when you’re visiting regional Queensland where fuel stations and shops can be more than an hour’s travel apart.
* Your car emergency kit should contain:
  + water - at least 20 litres emergency supply and four litres per person, per day;
  + plenty of snacks;
  + first-aid kit and manual;
  + toilet paper;
  + a torch;
  + matches or a lighter;
  + alternative communication equipment such as a 2-way radio;
  + spare clothing;
  + shovel and towrope;
  + maps;
  + spare tyre/s and jack;
  + jumper leads;
  + copies of important documents;
  + fire extinguisher;
  + tool kit;
  + rubbish bags;
  + blankets; and
  + tarpaulin and masking tape.

**Check your insurance**

* Ensure your car insurance is current and that it covers your vehicle adequately.
* Ensure your travel insurance is adequate to cover your belongings which may be damaged in the car during a natural disaster.

**What to do if a weather warning is issued**

* Park vehicles under cover, away from trees, power lines and waterways.
* If you cannot access undercover shelter for your vehicles, firmly secure blankets or quilts to them to minimise hail damage.
* Never walk, drive or swim in flood waters – if it’s flooded, forget it.

**For more information on how to prepare this disaster season,**

**visit getready.qld.gov.au/**[**travel**](https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared/protect-your-vehicle-caravan-and-boat)