



STORMS

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Have you ever been in a storm? What was it like?

What do you think about storms?

How do you know when a storm is coming?

What would happen if the power/electricity stopped working at your home?

What would happen if your home was not safe to stay in?

What would happen if a storm came while you were at work, school or somewhere else?

STORMS

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- 1 Storms are usually a combination of wind, rain and hail, which can cause damage to your home.
- 2 Rain can make roads unsafe to drive on. Do not drive in water over the road.
- 3 Get current information about storms from the radio, television, social media or local council disaster web page.
- 4 If you need to leave home, go to a family or friend's house to stay safe. Your council may also have a centre for you to stay in.
- 5 **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



FLOODS

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Have you been in a flood? What was it like?

What do you think about floods?

What might cause a flood where you live?

How do you know if a flood is coming?

What would happen if water came into your home?

How would you prepare if you knew a flood was to happen?

FLOODS

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- ① Floods are dangerous because the rising water can injure people as well as damage buildings and cars.
- ② Floods can be caused by rising rivers, creeks, ocean tides and drains.
- ③ Do not swim or play in flood waters because the water carries rubbish and other dangers.
- ④ Do not drive in flood waters because there are dangers in the water that could damage your car and injure people inside.
- ⑤ Flood water might damage your home, stop electricity supply, and close roads.
- ⑥ What else might your family need if you are stuck at home during a flood?
- ⑦ **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



CYCLONES

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Have you ever been in a cyclone? What was it like?

What do you think about cyclones?

How do you know when a cyclone is coming?

What could happen to your home or vehicle in a cyclone?

How can you get your family, home and backyard ready for a cyclone?



CYCLONES

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- 1 Cyclones are a part of life in Queensland's northern coastal areas.
- 2 Cyclones are powerful storms with strong wind and rain that can damage buildings, gardens and roads, and cause flooding.
- 3 Clean-up your yard, pack a kit and have a plan.
- 4 Get current information about cyclones from the radio, television, social media or local council disaster web page.
- 5 Find a safe place in your home to shelter in a cyclone. Small rooms are best. If you need to leave, go to a family or friend's house to stay safe. Your council may also have a centre for you to stay in.
- 6 After a cyclone, there might be fallen trees and powerlines. Be careful outside.
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BUSHFIRE

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What do you know about bushfires?

What might cause a bushfire where you live?

How do you know if a bushfire is coming?

What would happen if there was a bushfire near your home or work?

How can you make sure your family and home are ready for bushfire?

BUSHFIRE

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- 1 When the weather is hot and dry, bushfires can start in places like parks and bushland.
- 2 Bushfires can damage homes, businesses or even hurt or kill people.
- 3 Toxic fumes and smoke from bushfires hurt people's eyes and make it hard to breathe.
- 4 Get current information about cyclones from the radio, television, social media or local council disaster web page.
- 5 Have a plan to leave your home early if there is a bushfire warning. Go to a friend's home or a council evacuation centre.
- 6 **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



HEATWAVE

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What is a heatwave?

Have you been in a heatwave? What was it like?

How do you know if there is going to be a heatwave?

What damage can a heatwave cause?

What are the ways to protect yourself and others during a heatwave?

HEATWAVE

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- 1 A heatwave is any long period of very hot weather. They are the deadliest natural hazard in Queensland.
- 2 Heatwaves impact anyone but it is important to take special care of:
 - Babies and children, the elderly, people with medical conditions
 - Pets
 - People who work in the outdoors
- 3 In a heatwave:
 - Drink lots of water
 - Stay in the shade and use fans or air-conditioning
 - Wear light clothing, a head and sunscreen
- 4 Understand symptoms of heat sickness:
 - Feeling sick or vomiting
 - Dizzy or weak
 - Fast breathing or short of breath
 - High temperature
 - Red, dry skin
- 5 The number to call if you need emergency health care is “000”
- 6 **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



TSUNAMI

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Have you ever seen a tsunami? What was it like?

How do you know when tsunami is coming?

What would happen to your home, workplace or school if a tsunami hit the coast where you live?

How would happen you stay safe in a tsunami?

TSUNAMI

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- ① “Tsunami” is a Japanese word for “harbour wave”. It is several powerful and fast-moving waves.
- ② Tsunami push water inland, which can damage buildings, vehicles and the environment.
- ③ The chance of tsunami in Queensland is low, but it can happen.
- ④ Get current information from the radio, television, social media or local council disaster web page.
- ⑤ If a tsunami is coming, quickly go to higher ground, to the top floor of the building or move away from the coast.
- ⑥ **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



Have you ever seen an earthquake? What was it like?

How do you know when earthquake
is coming or happening?

What would happen to your home, workplace or school
if a earthquake happened where you live?

How would happen you stay safe in an earthquake?

EARTHQUAKE

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- ① The shaking from earthquakes can damage buildings and roads, making them unsafe for people and pets.
- ② Earthquakes can also cause landslides, tsunamis and fires.
- ③ The change of a bad earthquake in Queensland is low, but can happen.
- ④ If a bad earthquake happens and you are inside, take cover under a table and hold on until the shaking stops.
- ⑤ If a bad earthquake happens and you are outside, stay outside and move away from buildings and power poles.
- ⑥ Get information from the radio, television, social media or local council disaster web page.
- ⑦ **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



LANDSLIDE

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Have you ever seen a landslide? What was it like?

How do you know when landslide is happening?

What would happen to your home, workplace or school if a landslide happened where you live?

How would happen you stay safe in a landslide?

LANDSLIDE

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- ① Landslides are large amounts of dirt, rock or mud sliding out of place that can damage buildings, roads and the environment.
- ② Landslides can happen after heavy rain.
- ③ Signs that a landslide might happen can be:
 - Damage to building walls or cracks in plaster, tiles or bricks
 - Cracks getting bigger in pathways or roads
 - Fences, walls, power poles or trees bending over
- ④ If you think a landslide might happen soon, call “000”.
- ⑤ Leave the area quickly.
- ⑥ **Get ready:** go to your local council or the Get Ready Queensland web pages to find an emergency plan you can do.



Where can you find an emergency plan template?

HAVE A PLAN

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- 1 Having a household emergency plan means that everyone in your household knows what to do if dangerous weather happens.
- 2 The plan should have important contact information for people in your home or people who can help you.
- 3 A plan can also include ways to get your home ready for bad weather and information on where to go if you had to leave.
- 4 A plan for you to use can be found at **www.getready.qld.gov.au**



PACK A KIT

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What do you think about having an emergency kit or box at home?

What items would you put into an emergency kit?

How long should you be ready to stay at home for during and after bad weather?

Where should you keep your emergency kit?

Where can you find information about emergency kits?

PACK A KIT

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- 1 A kit has items that will keep your household safe for 3 days after bad weather, even if the power (electricity), water or Internet are not working.
- 2 Put your items in a strong waterproof storage container and store it in a safe place.
- 3 A list to help build your kit is at **www.getready.qld.gov.au**