DANGEROUS WEATHER EMERGENCY PLAN

Important information for you and your home

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STEP 1: UNDERSTAND YOUR WEATHER RISKS

Know what dangerous weather can happen to your home so you can be ready.

Learn about your weather risks at **getready.qld.gov.au/understand-your-risk**

✓ Tick what dangerous weather could happen where you live:

☐ BUSHFIRE	☐ FLOODING	☐ STORMS	☐ HEATWAVE	☐ CYCLONE
Fire season is July – February. Check your council's website for fire areas.	Rain or ocean tides cause flooding. Check council's website for flood areas.	Storm can happen anywhere, any time.	Heatwaves are deadly. Drink water, stay in shade, wear light clothes, a hat and sunscreen.	Cyclone season is November – April and can impact community close to the ocean.

By understanding your weather risks, you can have a plan to stay safe at home or leave quickly in an emergency.

Important emergency phone numbers

Add these numbers into your mobile phone because you might need them quickly.

Police – Fire – Ambulance	000
SES (State Emergency Service)	132 500
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
Local Council Name	Add council's phone number: _____
School name	Add the school's phone number: _____

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STEP 2: **MAKE A PLAN**

Know what dangerous weather can happen to your home so you can be ready.

Learn about getting ready at **getready.qld.gov.au/plan**

Household names and phone numbers:

If dangerous weather comes, stay connected. Add phone numbers for people in your home:

Name:	Phone:

Community

Friends and neighbours can help you during bad weather. Add their information below and talk to them about your plan:

Contact 1	Name:	Phone:
Contact 2	Name:	Phone:
Contact 3	Name:	Phone:
Contact 4	Name:	Phone:

Important items

Write down important details like animal information and car registration number.

Item	Important information, like type and registration number:

Health

Doctor	Name:	Phone:
Chemist or pharmacist	Name:	Phone:
Other (such as specialist)	Name:	Phone:
Other	Name:	Phone:

Important medicines list:

Medicine: Who it is for: Dosage:	Medicine: Who it is for: Dosage:
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Home

Electricity (power): Phone: Account Number: How and where to turn off at home:	**Gas:** Phone: Account Number: How and where to turn off at home:
Telephone: Phone: Account Number:	**Water:** Phone: Account Number: How and where to turn off at home:
Internet: Phone: Account Number: Wifi password:	**Bank:** Phone: Account Number: BSB:

Real Estate:
Phone:
Account Number:

Clean around your home

Small jobs can make your home safer. Here are some jobs to do throughout the year before dangerous weather comes:

- [ ] Trim trees to remove leaves and branches that are close to buildings
- [ ] Check the roof and gutters are not blocked with leaf litter
- [ ] Clear rubbish from around your home
- [ ] Make sure windows can be sealed to stop water coming inside.
- [ ] Store chemicals and poisons up high
- [ ] Check your insurance for correct dangerous weather coverage

Learn more about getting your home ready at:
www.getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared/house-maintenance-and-preparation

Have a plan to leave home (evacuate)

Mostly, it is best to stay at home during dangerous weather. However, it may not be safe if there is a risk of fire, flooding or other danger. Make a plan to leave quickly and safely.

	Leave home plan:
Have somewhere to go. Where will you stay?	
Let people know you are leaving. Who will you call?	
Have safe transport. How will you get there? Who will drive or take you?	
Things to take with you. What important items will you take? (see Step 3)	
Other details.	

If someone in your home has additional needs, consider using a person-centred emergency plan at: **https://collaborating4inclusion.org/home/pcep**

STEP 3: **PACK A KIT (BOX)**

Have supplies to keep you safe if you need to stay at home for three (3) days, even without power. If you need to leave (evacuate), you can take what you need.

Where your kit is stored in your home: _____

Supply list

Use this list to pack your kit (box)

	Item	Details
☐	Drinking water	For three (3) day or 10 litres for each person in your home.
☐	Food and can opener	Enough packet food, canned food and dried food for three (3) days. Think about everyone's needs, such as babies.
☐	First aid box	Items to help if someone gets hurt. Include special medications, aids, reading glasses, medic-alerts.
☐	Bathroom and health	Toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, sanitary products, insect spray, wipes and facemasks.
☐	Mobile phone and chargers	A mobile phone and a charger and solar powered battery pack.
☐	Torch (flashlight)	A torch for everyone or head lamps, glow sticks or battery powered lanterns.
☐	Radio	A radio that uses batteries to listen to safety alerts.
☐	Batteries	Spare batteries for radio and torches. Solar charged batteries are a good idea.
☐	Important documents on USB or online	Scan and save digital copies of papers like driver's licenses, passports, birth certificates, ID cards, Medicare cards, insurance policies. Save contacts, photos and a copy of your Dangerous Weather Emergency Plan.
☐	Cooking items	A small gas stove and items like plastic plates and cutlery.
☐	Small tool kit	Tools like safety knife, pliers, screwdriver, gardening gloves and wrench for small repairs.
☐	Spare cash	In case ATMs or the internet are not working.
☐	Pet items	Carrier/cage, food, treats, toys bowls, leash and bedding.
☐	Extra clothes and blankets	Warm and dry clothing, sunglasses and hats.
☐	Entertainment	Cards, books, colouring/drawing, board games.

During a weather alert

If you understand your risk, have a plan and have a kit, you are almost ready. Below are final actions for when dangerous weather is coming.

Weather alert check list:

- [ ] Trim trees to remove leaves and branches that are close to buildings
- [ ] Put fuel in the car and park it undercover or up a hill if in a flood area
- [ ] Put away or secure outdoor items so they do not blow around or catch fire
- [ ] Sandbag doors and drains, if needed
- [ ] Close windows and curtains or blinds
- [ ] Fill buckets or bathtub with water in case water supply stops
- [ ] Check-in with neighbours so you both know you are okay
- [ ] Stay home unless you need to leave.
- [ ] If you need to leave, turn off electricity (power), gas and water and lock doors
  And remember, do not drive into flood waters

Stay informed

Where to get weather and safety updates:

Local council disaster dashboard website:	
Weather warnings: BOM mobile app	BOM mobile app **www.bom.gov.au/app**
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services:	**www.qfes.qld.gov.au**
Local ABC Radio station to tune radio to:	
Local community social media page:	

Know the signs before disaster strikes

Australia has a national warning system to help you understand the risk and impact of dangerous weather.

Advice

Watch and Act

Emergency Warning

Find out more: **www.australianwarningsystem.com.au**

AFTER WEATHER HAS CLEARED

Once the weather has past, check around your home for damage and make sure your neighbours are okay. Be careful of dangers like fallen powerlines, downed trees or floodwater. Report dangers on triple zero (000).

Community help

Friends and family are the best way to get help after dangerous weather. If you need more support, there are services that can help you, such as:

Disaster recovery information	**www.qld.gov.au/disasterrecovery**
Lifeline	13 11 14
Beyond Blue	1300 22 46 36
Small business disaster hub	**www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/protecting-business/disaster-resilience/disaster-hub**
Your local council	Add council's phone number:

Learn more about support at: **www.getready.qld.gov.au/after-disaster**

Insurance information

Contact your insurance company if your home or belongings have been damaged. Add insurance details below for quick access:

	Company	Phone	Policy number
Home			
Contents			
Health			
Car			
Business			
Income			
Life			

Other important numbers

Centrelink	136 150
NDIS	1800 800 110
Residential Tenancies (Rental) Authority	1300 366 311

Others you may need for your home:

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