

# State Emergency Service

## Media Release



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## SES on standby ahead of expected weather

The State Emergency Service (SES) is on standby ahead of expected severe thunderstorms which are expected to impact large parts of the state overnight and through into tomorrow.

Following briefings from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM), the SES activated its State Control Centre (SCC) this morning with staff rostered on a 24-hour basis through to next Monday morning. SES units across the state are also on active standby.

With a flood watch also in place for much of the state, the SES also has swiftwater technicians are available should anyone become trapped in rapidly rising floodwater.

Earlier this afternoon, the SES distributed sandbags from four locations in the Adelaide metropolitan area and Mount Lofty Ranges while the Port Pirie Council also had sandbags available from two locations in Port Pirie itself and Crystal Brook.

SES State Duty Officer Dr Sara Pulford said the SES was expected to be busy overnight.

“While we’ve already seen some locations receive plenty of rain and wind today this has not resulted in a significant number of callouts for our volunteers,” Dr Pulford said.

“Up until 7pm tonight, the SES received 39 calls for assistance from the South Australian public. We expect this number to increase rapidly as the front moves through the Adelaide metropolitan area and the Mount Lofty Ranges later tonight,” she said.

Dr Pulford said people need to be vigilant, especially around large trees.

“We’ve already seen a number of trees fall or drop branches throughout today. Make sure you keep a close eye on where your children are playing and do not park your car under large trees. They can drop their branches at any time without any warning.

“We are also concerned about rapidly rising rivers and creeks in various parts of the state. It is important that motorists do not try and cross flooded waterways. It’s a recipe for disaster because it takes as little as 15 centimetres of water to cause a small car to float away.

Dr Pulford said it was also important the public keep a close eye on the upcoming weather by listening to weather updates and warnings on their local radio and monitoring mainstream and social media.

“Community safety information is also available on the Alert SA app and associated website. App users, are reminded that while warnings from the BoM are displayed, animated notifications are not generated,” Dr Pulford said.

Members of the public requiring SES assistance should call 132 500. However, in a life-threatening emergency the best number to call is 000 (Triple Zero).

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