

# Preparing for storms



Dangerous storms are the most common natural hazard in Australia and on average, cause more damage and destruction than cyclones, earthquakes, floods and bushfires.

## Did you know?

Each year from May to October, storms, including, tornados, thunder, lightning, hail, flash flooding and gale force winds cause major destruction to the southern half of the State from Kalbarri to Israelite Bay.

As storms are unpredictable, felt locally and can happen at any time, their devastating impact is often underestimated.

## Most storm damage to homes occurs from:

- Loose and broken roof materials.
- Fallen trees and branches.
- Flooding from blocked gutters.

## IF YOU NEED HELP

For life-threatening emergencies call **000**

If your home has been badly damaged and you need help, call the SES on **132 500**



## Follow these tips to help you and your family stay safe:

- **Clear gutters** and downpipes of leaves and blockages.
- **Check the roof** for cracked ridge capping, loose tiles or loose nails.
- **Clear rubbish** from around the yard, balcony or patio.
- **Hire a contractor** to clear trees from power lines.
- **Trim branches** around the home or business to prevent them falling on roofs or cars.
- **Store or weigh down loose objects** like outdoor furniture, play equipment, trampolines and sheds.
- **Prepare an emergency kit** with a portable battery operated radio, torch, spare batteries and a first aid kit.

For advice about what to do before, during and after a storm, visit [dfes.wa.gov.au](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)

