Most cyclone related deaths are from drowning in a flood or storm surge. Flooding can occur as cyclones bring heavy rainfall that causes extensive damage. Heavy rain can continue as the cyclone moves inland so flooding is possible over widespread areas.

It does not have to be raining in your area for flooding to occur and you may become stranded for many days until the water subsides.

Listen to your radio for information and follow advice from authorities when travelling.
Use a recommended route and do not hurry.
Be aware that roads may be flooded and impassable, obey road closure signs and check road conditions.
Do not drive into water of unknown depth and current.
Avoid storm drains and pipes, ditches and ravines.
Avoid fallen power lines, remember electrical current can pass through water.
Do not walk, swim or play in floodwaters.
Protect your feet when moving around near floodwaters – wear closed shoes (never thongs or bare feet).
Do not park or camp in a dry river crossing.

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When a **YELLOW** ALERT has been issued, you need to take action.

### CARAVANS AND TRAILERS
- Remove and stow your annex.
- Lower van jacks – make sure the van supports are sound and the van is stable.
- Apply the van handbrake.
- Tie down the chassis
  - Use short length chain, steel cable or strong rope (800kg breaking strain or minimum 9.5mm diameter) and turnbuckles.
  - Cross tie (tie the left side of the chassis to its opposite right hand anchor and vice versa).
  - Fix chain, cable or rope to star pickets or anchor pins driven in at an angle of 20 degrees to a depth of at least 600mm.
- Tie down the roof
  - If you have a folding caravan, lower and secure the roof.
  - Use strong net, rope or steel cable crossed over the full length of the roof, fixed at ground level using the same anchors as the chassis tie down.
  - Tighten the ropes as much as possible.
  - Board or heavily tape the windows. Draw curtains and lock doors
  - If you are not relocating, leave your caravan attached to your vehicle.
  - Turn off the electricity, water supply and gas.

### THINGS TO DO:
- Monitor radio, television or internet for information on the cyclone’s progress, particularly any storm surge advice.
- Know where your family and pets are.
- Pack up your belongings.
- Be aware that shops will now be closed.
- Get cash out as banking services may not be available.
- Do not stay in your caravan or vehicle.
- Find a safe place to shelter — this could be a motel or welfare centre in the nearest town.
- Put fuel in your vehicle and park it in a sheltered area with the handbrake on.
- Call your family or friends and let them know where you are.
- Ensure your emergency kit is close by.
- Secure your caravan, trailer, boat and LPG gas bottles.

### THINGS TO DO:
- Keep up to date through radio, television or internet.
- Find out when shops and businesses will close.
- Get enough canned or dry food and bottled water to last four (4) days.
- Put fuel in your vehicle.
- Report your location to the authorities.
- If you have a caravan, boat or trailer make sure you have tie down materials and know what to do to make them secure.
- Store or secure loose material and rubbish from around your area (eg. outdoor furniture, children’s toys).
- Remind your family of cyclone procedures.

### THINGS TO DO:
- Listen for information and follow advice from authorities.
- If you need to go outside be careful because power lines could be down and there may be fallen trees, broken water and sewage lines, loose roof sheeting and other material.
- Avoid telephone use except in emergencies.
- Report injuries or dangerous situations to the SES on 132 500.
- For life threatening emergencies call 000.