

# CYCLONE SMART

Cyclone Season:  
November to April.

There are four stages of alerts  
- blue, yellow, red and all clear.

Listen carefully and do what the  
alerts say to help keep safe.



## A CYCLONE IS FORECAST - GET READY

When a BLUE ALERT has been issued, you need to start preparing

- Keep up to date with the development of the cyclone through radio, television, or internet.
- Secure or remove loose material and rubbish from around your home or work.
- Organise your emergency kit including first aid kit, essential medications, torch, portable radio, spare batteries, food and water.
- Consider relocating people with special needs including people who are pregnant, elderly or have disabilities.
- Identify a safe place for your pet(s) (most welfare centres do not accept pets, but do accept guide dogs).
- Remind your family of cyclone procedures.
- Know the strongest part of your house.



## A CYCLONE IS COMING - ACT NOW

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

- Monitor radio, television or internet for information on the cyclone's progress, particularly any storm surge advice.
- Store or secure other loose items like outdoor furniture that is likely to be thrown about by destructive winds.
- Fasten all cyclone screens. Board up or heavily tape exposed windows.
- Put fuel in your vehicle and park it in a sheltered area with the handbrake on and in park or first gear.
- Ensure your emergency kit is complete.
- Prepare to move quickly to the strongest part of your house or relocate to the nearest welfare centre if required.



## A CYCLONE IS ABOUT TO STRIKE - SHELTER NOW

When a RED ALERT has been issued, you need to take shelter immediately

- Disconnect electrical appliances and turn off gas supply valves.
- Go immediately to the strongest, safest part of your house or the building you are in (i.e. internal hallway, bathroom or toilet) or to the closest welfare centre.
- Stay away from doors and windows, and keep them closed and locked.
- Stay inside until the ALL CLEAR is given by authorities.



## AUTHORITIES GIVE THE ALL CLEAR - BE CAREFUL

After the official ALL CLEAR notice, take care to avoid dangers caused by damage

- If your property has sustained serious damage and you need help, call the SES on 132 500 for assistance.
- For life threatening emergencies, call 000.
- If you relocated from your home, wait for advice before you go back. If returning, take the roads recommended by authorities and do not hurry.



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**EMERGENCY KIT** is essential for short term survival whether you decide to stay at home or need to relocate to safer accommodation

## GENERAL ITEMS

- Portable, battery operated AM/FM radio
- Waterproof torch
- New, spare batteries
- First aid kit with manual
- Medications, toiletries, sanitary supplies
- Special requirements for infants, elderly, injured, disabled or pets
- Mobile phone and charger, or phone card
- Cash, key cards and credit cards
- Emergency contact numbers
- Extra car and house keys
- Combination pocket knife

## FOOD AND WATER

- Drinking water\* (at least 3 litres per person per day for 4 days)
- Canned food\* (dried food is also a good alternative) to last 4 days
- Can opener, cooking gear, eating utensils
- A portable gas stove or barbeque
- Water container (for storing washing and cooking water)

*\*Check and replace food and water every 12 months*

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Police, Fire, Ambulance (for life threatening emergencies)	000
State Emergency Service (SES) assistance	132 500
Local GP/Doctors surgery	
Hospital	
Out of area family contact	
Work numbers	
Local shire / council	
Neighbour	
Neighbour	
School	
Insurance company	

## WHERE TO FIND CYCLONE INFORMATION

ABC radio and other local media	
DFES Public Information Line	13DFES (13 3337)
DFES website	<a href="http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au">www.dfes.wa.gov.au</a>
BoM Cyclone Warning Advice Line	1300 659 210
Weather and cyclone forecasts	<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">www.bom.gov.au</a>
Road conditions (Main Roads)	138 138