



State  
Emergency  
Service

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**When to  
call SES**

**Prepare  
for severe  
weather**

**Become a  
Volunteer**



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## Who We Are:

- SES is an emergency and rescue service dedicated to assisting the Queensland community.
- We are a volunteer-based emergency service organisation whose role is to prepare for and respond to emergencies across Queensland 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, 365-days a year.
- We have around 5,000 volunteers operating across Queensland, through 76 units across 7 regions supported by 7 Regional Headquarters and a State Headquarters located in Brisbane.
- Our volunteers bring with them a broad range of professions, skills, experience, and backgrounds all drawn together by a common purpose – to support our communities.
- We train and respond to emergencies together, and the experiences we share lay the foundations for life-long friendships.



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## What We Do:

Our capabilities span across operational response and non-operational activities.  
Some are listed below:

### **Storm and water operations:**

- Temporary repairs
- Chainsaw operations
- Sandbagging

### **Rescue:**

- Flood boat rescue
- Vertical rescue
- Road Crash rescue

### **Search:**

- Urban and rural searches

### **Operations support:**

- Emergency traffic management
- Incident management

### **Agency support:**

- Resupply operations
- Evacuation support

### **Operational preparedness:**

- Community education
- Training and exercising



# Cyclone

Tropical cyclones are intense low-pressure systems that form over warm tropical waters. Every year tropical cyclones impact Queensland communities; producing dangerous and destructive high winds, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and storm surges. Tropical cyclones can last for many days before finally ending over land or cold oceans. The wind and rain that comes with them can affect far further than where the cyclone lands.

There are five tropical cyclone categories that describe the severity.

1. Minimal house damage. Damage to some crops, trees and caravans. Boats may drag moorings.
2. Minor house damage. Significant damage to trees and caravans. Damage to some crops. Risk of power failure.
3. Some roof and structural damage to buildings. Some caravans destroyed. Power failure likely.
4. Significant roof and structural damage. Caravans destroyed. Dangerous airborne debris. Power failure.
5. Extremely dangerous with widespread destruction.



Be prepared



When a cyclone is imminent



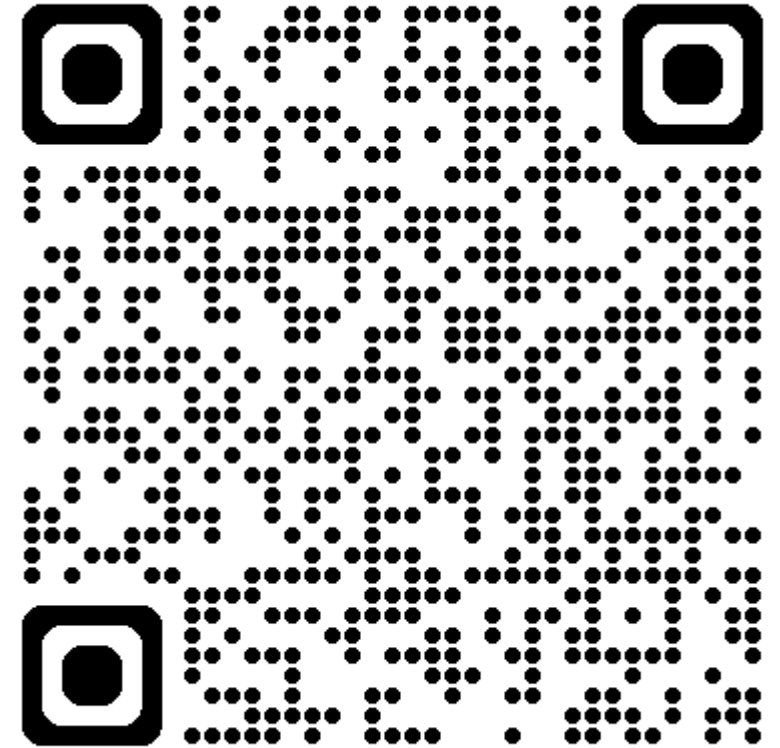
Be aware



When a cyclone strikes



After a cyclone



More information about cyclones  
on the SES website



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## How to Contact the SES:

In a life-threatening emergency call **Triple Zero (000)**.

For non life-threatening flood and storm emergency assistance during severe weather events:

- Call **132500**
- Visit **[132500.qld.gov.au](http://132500.qld.gov.au)**
- Use the **SES Assistance QLD** App





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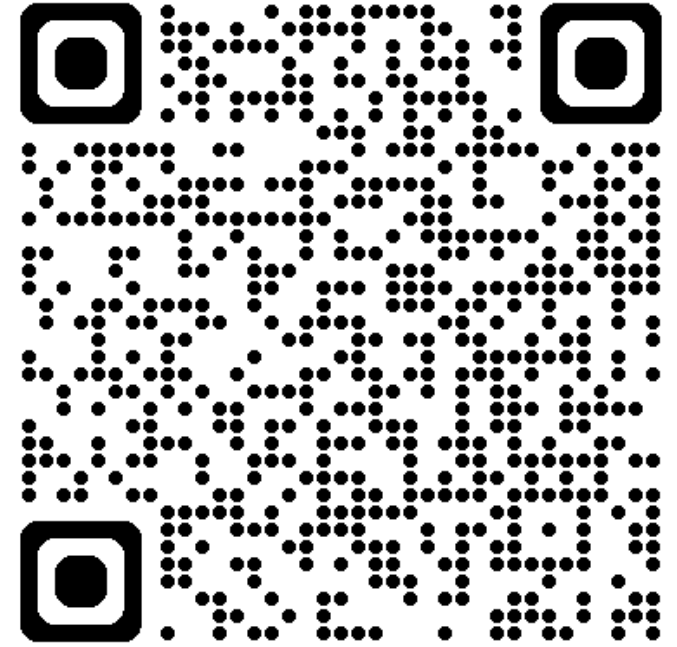
## Join Us:

Are you the type of person who takes a hands-on approach to emergencies?

By becoming an SES Volunteer you will respond to many different types of activations as a result of disasters and emergencies including:

- Storms
- Floods
- Cyclones
- Rescues
- Transportation incidents (road/rail/air)
- Landslides
- Searches for missing persons

The SES is designed to empower people to help themselves and others in their communities in times of emergency and disaster.



More information about  
volunteering with the SES