

Tasmania SES Flood Warnings

The Tasmania SES Flood Warning System is in line with the Australian Warning System (AWS). It consists of three ascending warning levels; Advice (yellow), Watch and Act (orange), and Emergency Warning (red). These warning triangles will be issued with a set of call-to-actions which informs the public what to do during a flood emergency to be safer.



ADVICE

An incident has started.

There is no immediate danger. Stay up-to-date in case the situation changes. (May also be used to advise that a threat has reduced).



WATCH & ACT

There is a heightened level of threat.

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



EMERGENCY WARNING

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of warning.

You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.


Check TasALERT.com regularly to stay up-to-date of any published warnings and alerts while you are traveling in Tasmania.

Stay informed and alert

- Bookmark TasALERT.com and monitor the emergency warnings and alerts issued in the state.
- Check the Tasmania Police website: police.tas.gov.au for road closures.
- Listen to ABC radio for flood warnings.
- Follow the SES Facebook page and TasALERT social media channels.
- Check with a visitor information centre about any current floodings.
- Keep a hard copy of the local map. Do not rely on GPS or mobile phones as they may lose reception during emergencies.
- Check bom.gov.au/tas for local weather forecast.

For warnings and alerts, tune into your local ABC radio as they are the emergency broadcaster.

Southern	East Coast
Hobart 936 AM DAB ABC Radio Hobart	Bicheno 89.7 FM Fingal 1161 AM
Maydena 936 AM / 89.7 FM	Orford 90.5 FM
North/North East	West Coast
Flinders Island 91.7 FM	Queenstown / Zeehan 90.5 FM
Launceston 91.7 FM	Rosebery 106.3 FM
NE Tasmania 91.7 FM	Savage River / Waratah 104.1 FM
Weldborough 97.3 FM	Strahan 107.5 FM
North West	Waratah 103.3 FM
Burnie 102.5 FM	
Devonport 100.5 FM	
King Island 88.5 FM	
Lileah 91.3 FM	



Tune in to your local radio station from anywhere using the free **ABC listen** app.

Flood safety for travellers






In an emergency dial triple zero (000)

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Know your flood risk

Tasmania has approximately 150,000 km of waterways that may flood after heavy or extended rain.

Flooding is one of Tasmania's most frequent and disastrous natural hazards and can happen anytime in the year. There has also been a noticeably increasing risk of flooding in recent years in Tasmania.

In Tasmania, SES Flood Warnings are usually issued when flooding is forecast or occurring. Tasmania SES aims to provide expected time and impact of flooding in areas across Tasmania.

However, short, intense rainfall might lead to flash flooding, which happens quickly and with little or no warning.

It is very important to stay alert to the local weather and surrounding conditions.

Preparing to evacuate

If you are notified of a warning that is asking you to prepare to evacuate (usually a “Watch and Act” or “Emergency Warning”), you should:

- be ready to evacuate.
- pack your emergency belongings. Put important papers, valuables and special personal items into your emergency kit.
- listen to advice and direction from visitor centre and accommodation / caravan park management. You must leave before your route to higher ground is blocked by floodwater.
- listen to ABC radio for updates and advice.
- prepare your caravan to make sure it can be easily moved to a flood-free place.
- secure your van or cabin if it is permanent.
- find out if there is a local evacuation centre. The information will be published on TasALERT.com when available.

When you evacuate

If a decision is made to evacuate by emergency services, when asked to evacuate:

- listen to the advice and directions from your accommodation and inform people where you are going.
- take your pets and emergency kit with you.
- if you go to an evacuation centre; report in. This will help emergency services to concentrate resources to look for missing people.
- do not return until emergency services advise it is safe to do so.

Safety Tips

When flooding happens, traveling conditions may be dangerous:

- drive to the conditions with extra care.
- do not drive, walk, ride or play in flood waters.

Some caravan and camping areas are on low-lying land close to river or creeks, which increases the chance of being impacted by a flood. It is important to make sure your caravan or campsite can be easily evacuated during flooding.

When arriving at any caravan park or campground, take a few minutes to find out about your surroundings, and locate nearby higher grounds in case of evacuation.

Preparing an **emergency kit** in advance might save your life during an emergency. You may consider including the following:

- Torch (check batteries)
- Radio (wind-up or battery powered)
- Food and water
- First aid kit
- Mobile phone and charger (with useful numbers stored)
- Medicines
- Important documents, valuables, and special personal items.