



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.

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

Most storm damage to homes occurs from:

Loose and
broken roof
materials.

Fallen trees
and branches.

Flooding
from blocked
gutters.

DFES has 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 more information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au
or contact DFES Community Preparedness 9395 9816



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