

VISITOR SAFETY TIPS

get ready
QUEENSLAND



Learn how to stay safe and be prepared when visiting Queensland



getready.qld.gov.au/visitor-safety-tips

- ✓ Check for local disaster warnings and updates
- ✓ Check with your accommodation provider for advice
- ✓ Follow local authorities instructions to leave early, shelter or evacuate
- ✓ Keep essential belongings with you and remain calm

Watch for the warnings

When a natural disaster occurs, warnings are issued to let you know what is happening and what to do. The national warnings cover bushfire, cyclone, storm, flood and extreme heat.

Advice



An incident has started.

There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

- ✓ Check [local warnings](#) for updates and advice
- ✓ Check with accommodation provider for advice
- ✓ Gather essential items (medications, battery powered radio/torch, cash, first aid kit, water, documents)
- ✓ You may choose to leave for a safer location, if safe to do so ([check roads first](#))

Watch and 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.

- ✓ Follow local advice to leave an area if required
- ✓ Find out where to go from: [local ABC radio station](#), authorities or accommodation / tour provider
- ✓ Keep essential items with you
- ✓ Make sure you are prepared to leave quickly if the situation changes

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.

- ✓ Evacuate now or shelter in accommodation / evacuation centre
- ✓ If life or property is threatened dial Triple Zero (000) for police, fire or ambulance
- ✓ Remain indoors until it is safe to leave
- ✓ Do not re-enter evacuated building



Queensland Government

What visitors need to know during a severe storm, flood or cyclone

Before the storm, flood or cyclone

Things to have ready before the storm or cyclone:



Food for three days
with can opener if needed



Spare cash



Personal documents
and insurance
information



Torch with
spare batteries



Bottled water



Full tank of fuel in
your vehicle



Fully charge your
mobile and any
spare batteries



Medicines



Find suitable
accommodation
to shelter

During and after the storm, flood or cyclone



Don't touch fallen powerlines



Don't drive or walk through floodwaters



**Don't swim in flooded creeks, rivers,
waterfalls or the ocean**



**Shelter in the strongest part of your
accommodation (like the bathroom)
in strong winds or a cyclone**

In an emergency, call 000 for police, fire or ambulance.

What visitors need to know during a bushfire or heatwave

Before a bushfire

Be aware of fire warnings and change plans to avoid areas where bushfires are predicted.

Things to have ready before a bushfire:



Food for three days
with can opener if needed



Spare cash



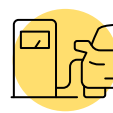
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During and after a bushfire or heatwave



Drink water, rest and wear hats,
sunscreen and lightweight clothing
in a heatwave



Don't light campfires during a fire ban



Learn the signs of heatstroke –
dizziness, tiredness, nausea and
when to seek medical help



Don't hike or do outdoor activities in
bushfire areas or during a heatwave.

Don't drive in bushfire areas, but if
trapped in a car during a bushfire:

- Park off road in a clear area away
from trees
- Face car towards fire and stay
inside. Do not get out and run
- Leave engine running and turn on
headlights and hazards
- Close vents and windows, cover
yourself with woollen/cotton
blanket and shelter below window

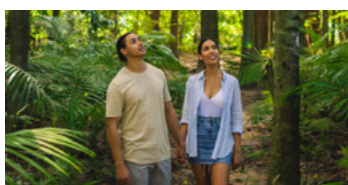
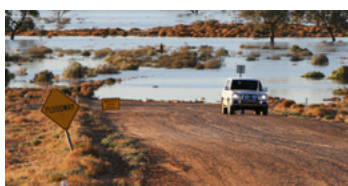


Stay in a safe place for up to 3 days
before driving through affected areas

In an emergency, call 000 for police, fire or ambulance.

Visitor safety tips

If a natural disaster or emergency strikes when you're visiting Queensland, visit these official sources of information.



Disaster warnings and alerts

disaster.qld.gov.au/warnings

For local travel information before or after severe weather outside of city areas, call the nearest Visitor Information Centre.

<https://www.queensland.com/au/en/plan-your-holiday/travel-information/visitor-information-centres#map>

For road closures and conditions

qldtraffic.qld.gov.au

Local ABC radio

Find your local ABC radio station to listen to latest disaster updates

abc.net.au/local

National parks, wildlife and camping alerts

Check for national park closures and warnings before hiking or camping

parks.des.qld.gov.au

Tourism and Events Queensland

Find out where you can continue your holiday if you have to delay or cancel travel plans due to a disaster

queensland.com

Australian Red Cross Register. Find. Reunite

Let loved ones know you're safe and make it easier to contact you following an emergency

register.redcross.org.au

Translation help

Find translation services and help in your language

getready.qld.gov.au/your-language



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