

Australian Warning System for flood emergencies

What do I need to know?



ADVICE:
Stay up-to-date in case the situation changes.

WATCH AND ACT:
Conditions are changing, you need to start taking action.

EMERGENCY WARNING:
You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.

Why is the Tasmania State Emergency Service (SES) implementing the Australian Warning System for flood emergencies?

For some years, there have been different warning systems for different hazard types across Australia, this can be confusing. The Australian Warning System (AWS) is being introduced and gradually adopted by different states and territories, over time people will know what to do when they see the same warnings, no matter where they are in the country or what type of emergency is occurring.

As the response management authority for flooding, Tasmania SES is implementing AWS warnings for flood emergencies. The warnings provide a set of call-to-action statements to advise the public what to do during times of flooding.

How many warning levels are there and what do they tell me?

There are three warning levels: Advice (Yellow), Watch and Act (Orange) and Emergency Warning (Red).

When a warning is issued, it will include information of location of the flood, expected or estimated impact, summary of relevant BOM warnings, community information, and a set of action statements. These warnings aim to assist and empower people to make informed decisions regarding their safety during flood emergencies.

Is the Tasmania SES Flood Warning System replacing the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Flood warnings?

No. BOM Flood Warnings and Flood Watches will still be issued.

Tasmania SES considers a wide range of information before issuing an SES Flood Warning, which will include the BOM Flood Warnings, flood and other data, local knowledge, flood history, operational information and input from councils. The comprehensive information allows an SES Flood Warning to advise the public what actions need to be taken before, during and after a flood emergency.

How do I know if there is a warning issued?

SES Flood Warnings will be issued on the TasALERT website (TasALERT.com), you will also see the warnings on TasALERT social media channels, SES Facebook, and hear from the ABC radio.

So what should I do now?

Visit TasALERT.com, know the warnings so when the next flood comes you can make an informed decision about your safety, and keep up to date on the current warnings issued by Tasmania SES.

ses.tas.gov.au/warnings