






# StormSafe Fact Sheet

## Severe Weather Warnings

### Fast Facts

-  Storms can happen anywhere and at any time of the year. It is important to be prepared now!
-  Storms are the most costly natural disaster to affect NSW, causing an estimated \$217 million dollars in damage per annum (Bureau of Transport Economics, 2009)
-  The NSW SES received 21,864 storm related requests for assistance between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011

### About Severe Weather Warnings

- Severe Weather Warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology
- These warnings are provided when severe weather is expected and likely to cause potential damage or loss
- Severe Weather Warnings are issued to alert the community so that people can prepare for these events
- Warnings are broadcast 6–24 hours before severe weather is expected. The warnings will usually be broadcast every 6 hours. In more serious circumstances, warnings will be more frequent

### Severe Weather Signs

- Intense low pressure systems
- Thunderstorms
- Lightning and hail
- Strong to damaging winds
- Flash flooding
- Damaging surf

Keep listening to the radio when a Severe Weather Warning is issued for information, updates and advice

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