



MIGRANTS EMERGENCY READINESS

Queensland is the sunshine state and we enjoy wonderful climate with warm summers, mild winters and sea breezes. Each year, however, some parts of Queensland experience weather conditions such as storms, strong winds and cyclones and hazards such as flooding, earthquake, heatwave and bushfires. To protect our families and prevent damage to our property, it is important to be prepared.

PREPARE ◆ **RESPOND** ◆ **RECOVER**

PREPARE

Be aware of storms that can bring hail, strong winds, floods, lightning.

Prepare your Emergency Plan. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers, discuss with your family your evacuation plan (where to go if you are separated, how to keep in touch, what to do with your pet).

Prepare your Emergency Kit (radio, batteries, torch, first aid kit, water, canned food, medicine, plastic sheets and bags, important documents in waterproof bags).

Prepare your Evacuation Kit with things you will need if you have to leave your home to go to an evacuation centre e.g. prescription medication, infant formula.

Prepare your home (secure garden furniture, check that roof and gutters are in good condition, car under cover, home insurance is current).

For more information, visit www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au and click on Disaster Management and www.disaster.qld.gov.au.

RESPOND

Stay alert to weather and emergency warnings on the radio, TV, website or newspaper.

Be aware that emergency warnings may come as the Standard Emergency Warning signal (SEWS) which is a wailing siren sound that is used through Australia for serious emergency events. You may receive an Emergency Alert on your landline telephone or as a text message on your mobile phone.

Remember that warnings are urgent and you must act immediately on the information that you receive.

Respond quickly to instructions provided by Queensland Police and other authorities if you need to evacuate the area. Leave as early as possible. Remember to allow for time to evacuate if you have young children, elderly people or people with disabilities. Check on your neighbours.

RECOVER

If your home has been damaged or you need disaster assistance, telephone

Gold Coast City Council Disaster Hotline on 1800 606 000

State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500

For life threatening emergencies, telephone 000

Unless it is absolutely necessary, do not enter a damaged building, even if it looks safe. Damage can be hidden. Beware and stay out of your home or building until it is inspected by the authorities.

Keep the family together and support children and others who need help.

Make a list of damaged property. File an insurance claim.

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A few hours spent with your family in simple tasks (such as collecting important things for your Emergency Kit, writing down emergency contacts, making copies of documents) could make the difference between life and death.