

# PREPARING YOUR BUSINESS FOR A SEVERE STORM



Storms cause significant damage throughout Australian communities, each year. However, you can take action before, during and after a storm to reduce the impact on your business.

## Before a storm



Clear leaves and debris from gutters, roofs and downpipes at your business premises. Check the roof for leaks and seal them to prevent water from flowing in. Move vehicles under cover when possible, and secure items outside that could be blown about by the wind or carried away in surging water.



Keep yourself and your staff safe by ensuring that everyone is familiar with your evacuation plan and knows where first-aid and emergency kits are. Ensure that operational and other data is backed up, and ensure that stock and other key items can be moved if needed.



Make sure you know what your insurance covers and that the sum for which you are insured covers the replacement value of what you would like to insure.

## During a storm



Use a battery-powered radio to monitor your local radio station for updates on the storm, weather, power supply, emergency warnings and evacuation alerts. Contact **000** or your local SES in any emergency.



Stay indoors and away from windows.



Unplug electrical items, especially computers.



## After a storm



Do not use damaged electrical outlets. Stay away from fallen power lines and anything that they may be touching.



Do not walk through or drive through flowing water or enter still water of unknown depth.



Once the danger has passed, take photos of damaged or destroyed items before disposing of them to assist in any insurance claims. Make your claim online at [allianzclaims.com.au](https://allianzclaims.com.au) or call **13 10 13**.

## We're here to help

Severe weather events take an emotional toll on us. If you are suffering, please visit [allianz.com.au/support](https://allianz.com.au/support) to find the right support measure for you.

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