



# Know your Warnings

Early warnings enable and empower residents of flood prone communities to take action ahead of severe weather events, saving lives and building stronger, more resilient communities.

The NSW SES is transitioning to the Australian Warning System (AWS) - a national, multi-hazard, three-tiered approach to warning communities likely to be impacted by severe weather events. Our new warnings have clear action statements which will better support communities to take actions and make safe decisions.

The NSW SES is investing in new systems to support communities receive and understand warnings. Our new multi-hazard warning platform HazardWatch provides a comprehensive view of all NSW SES flood warnings on a map, with many more features coming soon.

## A multi-hazard, three-tiered warning system



**Advice**

An incident has started. Stay up to date as the situation changes.

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 **ACTION STATEMENTS**

Stay informed  
Monitor conditions  
Reduced threat: return with caution



**Watch and Act**

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

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 **ACTION STATEMENTS**

Do not enter floodwater  
Prepare to evacuate  
Prepare to isolate  
Avoid the area



**Emergency Warning**

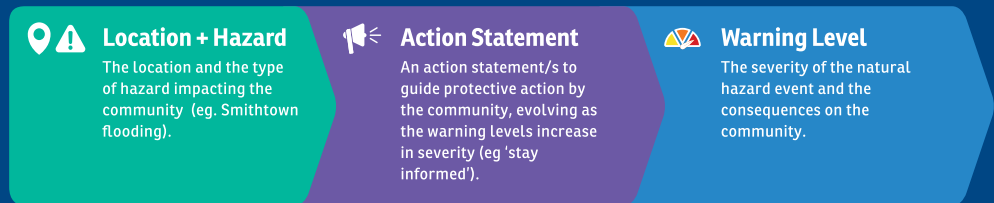
You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.

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 **ACTION STATEMENTS**

Evacuate now / Evacuate before [time]  
Shelter now  
Move to higher ground

## Three Warning Components



**FOR EXAMPLE:**  
 Smithtown East Flooding - Prepare to Evacuate - **Watch and Act**  
 Arkville North Flooding - Evacuate Now - **Emergency Warning**

For more info, visit:  
[ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings](http://ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings)  
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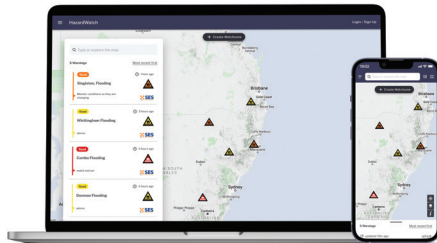


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## Easier access to warning information on your device

Our new multi-hazards warning platform HazardWatch is an interactive platform which shows NSW SES flood warnings in either a map or list view. All the warning information including clear steps about staying safe in severe weather are shown for each warning.

Many more features are coming soon including a smartphone app. Learn more and get started at [hazardwatch.gov.au](http://hazardwatch.gov.au).



## Local warnings for your community

The NSW SES utilises a range of sources to build detailed flood intelligence within local communities - including information from flood studies and historical flood data. As part of the transition to the Australian Warning System, the NSW SES has increased flexibility to tailor warnings at the community level, based on the expected consequence of severe weather events.



The NSW SES acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of NSW. As part of our commitment as an inclusive and diverse emergency service, warning products are being updated to include indigenous place names.

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