

NSW SES Warnings are Changing

From 30 September 2022, the NSW SES will be adopting the Australian Warning System to provide a nationally consistent approach to warnings prior to the impact of severe weather events. Our new warnings have clear action statements to better support communities make safe decisions and take action.

A multi-hazard, three-tiered warning system



Advice

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



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.



ACTION STATEMENTS

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



Emergency Warning

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



ACTION STATEMENTS

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

Three Warning Components

Location + Hazard

The location and the type of hazard impacting the community (e.g. Smithtown Flooding).



Action Statement

An action statement/s to guide protective action by the community, evolving as the warning levels increase in severity (eg 'stay informed').



Warning Level

The severity of the natural hazard event and the consequences on the community.

FOR EXAMPLE:

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



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