



# 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

 <b>Advice</b>	 <b>Watch and Act</b>	 <b>Emergency Warning</b>
<p>An incident has started. Stay up to date as the situation changes.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>ACTION STATEMENTS</b></p> <p>Stay informed Monitor conditions Reduced threat: return with caution</p>	<p>Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>ACTION STATEMENTS</b></p> <p>Do not enter floodwater Prepare to evacuate Prepare to isolate Avoid the area</p>	<p>You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.</p> <hr/> <p> <b>ACTION STATEMENTS</b></p> <p>Evacuate now/ Evacuate before [time] Shelter now Move to higher ground</p>

## Three Warning Components

<p> <b>Location + Hazard</b></p> <p>The location and the type of hazard impacting the community (eg. Smithtown flooding).</p>	<p> <b>Action Statement</b></p> <p>An action statement/s to guide protective action by the community, evolving as the warning levels increase in severity (eg 'stay informed').</p>	<p> <b>Warning Level</b></p> <p>The severity of the natural hazard event and the consequences on the community.</p>
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### 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](https://ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings)  
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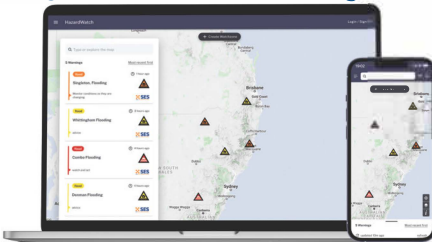


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## Easier access to warning information on your device

Our new **Hazards Near Me** warning application is an interactive platform which shows both **NSW SES** flood warnings & **NSW RFS** fire 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](https://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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