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Victoria State Emergency Service

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Thunderstorms Expected For Friday

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Severe thunderstorms are possible on Friday afternoon, across parts of central and eastern Victoria.

Isolated thunderstorms may include:

- Heavy rain leading to flash flooding;
- Hail; and
- Localised damaging winds.

Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) is advising those camping during the holiday period not to take shelter under trees or camp near streams or creeks as these can rise quickly.

Remember to monitor your conditions and stay informed by listening to emergency broadcasters, or visiting the [VicEmergency website](#) and [VicEmergency app](#).

VICSES is also advising the public to prepare and take the following actions:

- Check that loose items such as outdoor settings, umbrellas and trampolines are safely secured;
- Do not park or shelter under trees;
- Be aware of road hazards, such as debris and damaged roads or bridges;
- Plan your trip, drive to the conditions;
- Never drive through floodwaters;
- Keep clear of damaged buildings, powerlines or trees;
- Floodwater is toxic - never play, or swim in floodwater.

VICSES volunteers are prepared for the forecasted weather and are ready to respond to any calls for assistance.

For SES assistance call 132 500.

For life threatening emergencies call 000.

Jackson Bell, VICSES State Agency Commander:

“With the long weekend upon us, we’re asking campers to monitor their conditions and not to camp under trees.”

“Some areas may see localised flash flooding. We are reminding motorists to take extra care, drive to the conditions and never drive through floodwaters.”

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