



Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service

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Severe winds to impact Melbourne, risk of falling trees

Risk of falling trees

- Strong winds or thunderstorms predicted
- Beware the risk of falling trees and branches
- Avoid road travel if possible. If you must travel, drive to conditions

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132 500 FLOOD STORM EMERGENCY

The infographic features a dark blue background with a blue car on the right and a large green tree. White wind lines and falling leaves are depicted on the left. The SES logo is in the bottom left corner, and the emergency number 132 500 is in the bottom right corner.

Severe winds are expected to impact much of the state from Friday night, with VICSES urging Victorians to remain extremely vigilant **around trees** this weekend.

The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a severe weather warning for damaging winds with peak gusts to reach up to **100 km/h**, and average 50 – 60 km/h across metro Melbourne, as well as elevated areas in both the east and central Victoria. Those elevated areas could see wind of up to **110 km/h**.

Those living in areas including Melbourne, Geelong, Seymour, Ballarat, Wonthaggi and Bacchus Marsh should also prepare for these powerful northerly winds, with the risk of trees falling on cars, homes or pedestrians increased following recent storms and wet soil.

Anyone heading to parks or other outdoors areas over the weekend are told to stay away from trees as much as possible. It follows the **tragic death of three Victorians**, who were all struck by falling trees in the strong winds on August 27th.

VICSES also recommends that the public avoid unnecessary travel during periods of high wind. If you must be on the road, please drive to the conditions.

Call 132 500 you require assistance from us during storms and floods, and always call Triple Zero (000) in a life-threatening emergency.

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