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## Advice – potential heavy rainfall

The Bureau of Meteorology has issued a Severe Weather Warning for potential heavy rainfall for people in Tasmania's Furneaux Islands, East Coast and parts of the North East Coast for Wednesday afternoon and evening, easing overnight. 24hr rainfall totals in excess of 40mm are possible, but isolated falls of up to 90mm may occur. Flash flooding is possible. Locations which may be affected include Whitemark, St Helens, Swansea, Bicheno, Orford and Fingal.

Flood waters are a risk to safety.

Property, livestock, equipment and crops in low lying areas may be at risk from flood waters.

Driving conditions may be dangerous.

### What to do:

If you live in the affected area, SES advises:

- Never drive, walk, play, ride or swim through flood water. Flood water is dangerous. It can be toxic and may contain debris.
- Drive to the conditions and with extra care.
- Do not go near storm drains and pipes, causeways and waterways, ravines and rivers.
- Move livestock and equipment to higher ground if safe to do so.
- Know where to locate your medicines, prescriptions, torches, batteries, valuables (such as photos) and important papers (such as insurance information and passports).
- Ensure your pets are safe.
- If you don't live in the affected area, stay away as conditions may be dangerous.

## More information

- State Emergency Service website [www.ses.tas.gov.au](http://www.ses.tas.gov.au)
- TasALERT website: [www.tasalert.com](http://www.tasalert.com)
- For current river levels and weather conditions, refer to the Bureau of Meteorology website [www.bom.gov.au/tas/](http://www.bom.gov.au/tas/)
- Listen to your local ABC radio station for updates.
- To report flood and storm damage or to request SES assistance, call **132 500**
- To report life-threatening emergencies, call Triple Zero **(000)**
- For more information on preparing for flood, visit the SES website.
- Current reported road closures are listed on the Tasmania Police website: [www.police.tas.gov.au](http://www.police.tas.gov.au)

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