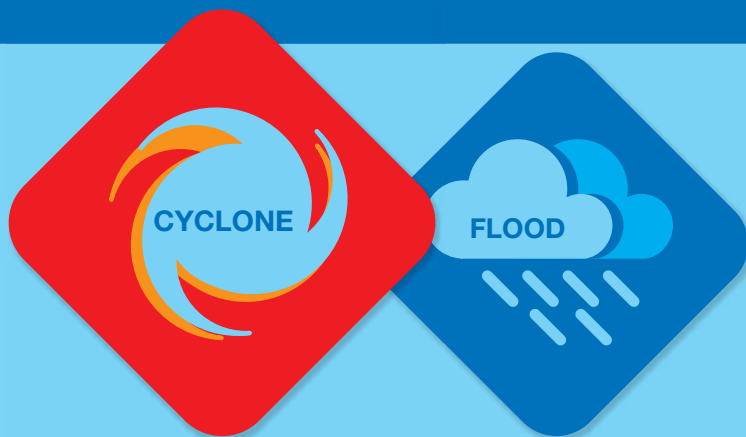


# Travel Safe in the North West



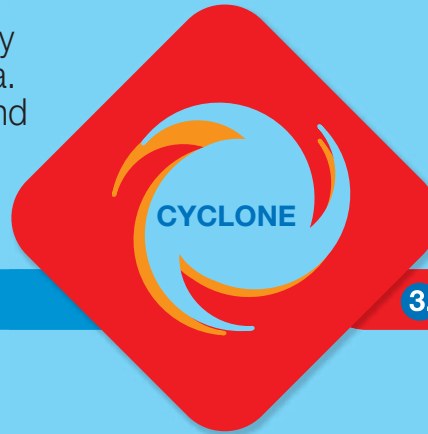
November to April is the wet season in Western Australia's North West. It is a time of good fishing and breathtaking scenery, but the season also brings tropical cyclones and rain in the Kimberley region. There is less rain in the Pilbara and Gascoyne regions, but cyclones can still happen in these areas.

FESA and ABC wish you a safe journey in the North West.



# Cyclones are Dangerous: Be Prepared, Be Safe

When a cyclone is approaching the State Emergency Service gives warnings on the radio and other media. There are four stages of warnings. Listen carefully and do what the warnings say to keep safe. Continue listening to your radio.



## 1. Blue Alert

The cyclone may produce strong winds within 48 hours. Be ready to change your travel plans.

### Things to do on Blue Alert:

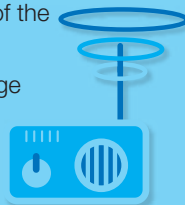
- Get enough canned or dry food and bottled water to last four (4) days.
- Get a first aid kit, torch and batteries.
- Make sure you have a battery-powered radio.
- If you have a caravan, boat or trailer, make sure you have tie-down materials.
- Put fuel in your vehicle.

## 2. Yellow Alert

There is a high risk of destructive winds in your area. It is time to take action.

### Things to do on Yellow Alert:

- Pack your belongings.
- Get cash money – ATMs and banking services may break down during the cyclone.
- Find a safe place to shelter – this could be a motel or a welfare centre in town but do not stay in your caravan. Call the Fire and Emergency Services Authority State Emergency Service unit in your area to find the location of the nearest welfare centre.
- If you are in a low area near the coast, move to high ground – storm surge from cyclones can flood low areas.
- Tie down your caravan, boat, trailer and LPG gas bottles.
- Call your family and let them know where you are.
- Listen to authorities. If they tell you to move to a safer place, do so.



## 3. Red Alert

Destructive winds are likely to occur very soon.

### Things to do on Red Alert:

- If you are not already in a safe place go NOW to a welfare centre.
- Park your vehicle in a sheltered area (in gear or shift in P with the handbrake on).
- Stay in the strongest part of the building away from windows.
- You could be inside for many hours. It may be very noisy and dark.
- Electricity and other services may be interrupted. Shops will be closed.

## 4. All Clear with Caution

The wind and storm danger has gone. There may be other dangers outside. Beware of fallen powerlines, trees and debris.

### EMERGENCY HELP

In a life-threatening situation call **000**.  
If you have a mobile phone and **000** does not work try **112**.  
For cyclone emergency assistance call the State Emergency Service on **1300 1300 39**.

### CYCLONE INFORMATION AND WARNINGS

Listen to ABC Local Radio  
Call the Bureau of Meteorology Tropical Cyclone Warning Advice Line **1300 659 210**  
Visit [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

# Flood



From this



... to this in minutes!

Thunderstorms can cause localised flooding, whereas cyclones can result in wider scale flooding. Most cyclone deaths are from drowning in a storm surge or flood. It does not have to be raining in your area for flooding to occur and you may become stranded for many days until the water subsides. Some remote areas can be isolated for months by floods. Plan your journey carefully and pay attention to road closed signs. Road closures are for your safety.

## Do

- Carry enough water in case you are isolated by a flood.
- Check road conditions before you drive.
- Tell someone your travel plans before you go.
- Obey all road closure signs.
- Listen to authorities. If they tell you to move to a safer place, do so.

## Don't

- Park or camp in a dry river crossing – your vehicle could be washed away if flood water rushes through.
- Drive across flood waters – there may be submerged obstacles and road damage.
- Swim or wade in flood water – you could be swept away and drowned. There may be poisonous snakes and spiders in the water.

## ROAD CONDITION INFORMATION

Listen to ABC Local Radio

Call the Road Conditions Line **138 138** or visit [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au)

### TUNING IN

ABC Local Radio in WA is committed to supporting emergency services during cyclones and other disasters. ABC Local Radio will keep you up to date with the latest information during all major emergencies.



Carnarvon	846 AM
Exmouth	1188 AM
Karratha	702 AM
Meekatharra	106.3 FM
Newman	567 AM
Port Hedland	603 AM



Broome	675 AM
Derby	873 AM
Kununurra	819 AM
Wyndham	1017 AM
Halls Creek	106.1 FM
Fitzroy Crossing	106.1 FM

