

# Watches, Warnings and Evacuations

## ***When a Cyclone Watch is issued***

Re-check your property for any loose material and tie down (or fill with water) all large, relatively light items such as boats and rubbish bins.

Fill vehicle fuel tanks. Check your emergency kit and fill water containers.

Ensure household members know where the strongest part of the house is and what to do in the event of a cyclone warning or an evacuation.

Tune to your local radio/TV station for further information and warnings.

Check that neighbours are aware of the situation and are preparing.

## ***When a Cyclone Warning is issued***

Collect children from their school or childcare centre and go home.

Park vehicles under solid shelter (hand brake on and in gear).

Put wooden or plastic outdoor furniture in your pool or inside with other loose items.

Close shutters or board-up or heavily tape windows. Draw curtains and lock doors.

Pack an evacuation kit of warm clothes, essential medications, baby formula, nappies, valuables, important papers, photos and mementos in waterproof bags to be taken with your emergency kit. Large/heavy valuables could be protected in a strong cupboard.

Remain indoors (with your pets). Stay tuned to your local radio/TV for further information.

## ***On Warning of Local Evacuation***

Based on predicted wind speeds and storm surge heights, evacuation may be necessary. Official advice will be given on local radio/TV regarding safe routes and when to move.

Wear strong shoes (not thongs) and tough clothing for protection.

Lock doors; turn off power, gas, and water; take your evacuation and emergency kits.

If evacuating inland (out of town), take pets and leave early to avoid heavy traffic, flooding and wind hazards.

If evacuating to a public shelter or higher location, follow police and State Emergency Services directions.

If going to a public shelter, take bedding needs and books or games for children.

Leave pets protected and with food and water