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Storm Season Not Over Yet

Ipswich residents are being reminded to be prepared in case storms hit during the Easter break.

The Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan said there were a few weeks to go until the end of the Summer storm season, and a few simple steps could greatly reduce the risk of damage to your property, to yourself and to your family.

“Basic precautions such as checking that your home and roof in particular is in sound condition could save you a lot of heartache during a fierce storm,” Ms Nolan said.

“All home owners should also trim tree branches hanging over their house and clear their properties of loose items such as garden furniture, pot plants and wheelie bins that can become potential missiles in high winds.

“Cleaning out gutters, and prepare an emergency kit with emergency phone numbers, portable radio, spare batteries and first aid kit.”

Emergency Services Minister Chris Cummins said when a storm on its way, residents should put all outdoor items inside and shelter or cover vehicles with tarpaulins or blankets.

“During a severe storm people should secure their home’s doors and windows, disconnect electrical items and secure and shelter pets in a solid section of a building,” Mr Cummins said.

“If caught out in the open, people should shelter in a ‘hard top’ vehicle. If inside your home, you should go to a solid section of the building, such as a cellar, internal room, hallway, or built-in wardrobe under a mattress, doona, table or bench.”

For further emergency assistance and advice residents should contact their local State Emergency Service or local Council, or check the website, www.disaster.qld.gov.au