Severe storms may bring heavy rain, strong winds, hail and lightning.

Severe storms may occur anytime and anywhere in Australia.

This video explains how you can find out if there is a severe storm on the way.

The Australian weather service is the Bureau of Meteorology, also known as BOM, who are responsible for predicting the weather and the occurrence of severe storms.

When BOM identify that a storm is on the way, they will notify the State Emergency Service. BOM and SES will work together to prepare for the storm. SES will inform the community of the impending severe storm to ensure people can be safe. While BOM and SES will generally notify the community of impending bad weather, it is also your responsibility to stay updated with information broadcasted on television and online. Keep in touch with your neighbours too, for any news regarding bad weather.

Severe storms can cause significant damage to properties and infrastructure. Last year, the SES responded to 15,000 requests for assistance after a severe storm.

The Victorian Government spent nearly 28 million dollars repairing damage from severe storms around the state.

It is common for people to request assistance from the SES after a severe storm. The SES will assist you if your property is damaged during a storm, such as if a tree falls through your roof, if you lose part of your roof in strong winds, or damage caused by floods or loose objects left unsecured during the storm, such as trampolines. The SES also responds to road accidents, such as people trapped in cars by fallen trees.

Severe storms have caused injuries and deaths in the past, they can be extremely dangerous.

It is important you know how to keep yourself safe if a severe storm is on the way.

Please watch the videos about severe storms so you can be prepared.