Once you receive a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, you must find shelter as soon as possible.

Make sure your pets are safely secured indoors so they cannot escape. Never leave your pets or animals caged or tied up outdoors during a storm. They will be at risk from injury or death from flooding or loose objects blown away in strong winds.

Park your car undercover, away from powerlines, trees and waterways. If your property frequently floods, do not park your car underground.

Move any outdoor furniture and other objects indoors, including your barbeque, table and chairs.

Secure any large objects such as trampolines to prevent them causing damage during the storm.

Check your emergency kit and make sure it is ready.

Check if your neighbours know there is a storm on the way and they are ready.

Do not go outside to watch the storm, stay indoors. During the storm, stay away from windows.

Do not try to move your car once the storm has started.

If it is a thunderstorm, turn off your electrical appliances at the wall and unplug appliances. Do not leave your phone connected to a power source as you could risk electric shock.

Stay updated with information online via the SES or BOM websites, or by watching the news.

If there is a power outage, use a torch instead of candles.

If you are caught short by a storm while you are outdoors, do not shelter under trees. You may be at risk from falling trees or branches during strong winds. Look for strong and study shelter indoors,

and keep away from powerlines and waterways.

Most important is that you, your family and pets stay safe during a severe storm.