

HEATWAVE

Warnings

We're changing the way we issue public warnings for heatwaves.

South Australia's temperatures are vast and varied. Where a few 44 degree days in a row may be normal in Port Augusta, it's not for Mount Gambier.

From now on, we are issuing heatwave warnings for districts in South Australia, from low intensity to extreme. These districts are the same as the bushfire warning districts, so warnings will be local to where you live, work or travel.

WHAT IS A HEATWAVE?

A heatwave is when three or more days and nights are above their usual daily maximum and overnight minimum monthly temperatures.

WHY IS THIS AN EMERGENCY?

Since there is no time for the body to cool down, we start to see signs of heat stress and other health issues.

A heatwave can also impact our pets, roads, stock, crops and power.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

After 4pm each day, we will issue a heatwave summary.

It will be available on our website, where you will also find tips on how to keep cool through a heatwave.

ses.sa.gov.au/site/heat

LOW INTENSITY HEATWAVE - ADVICE

Most people can cope with this heat. Pregnant women, babies and young children, and those older than 65 or who have chronic illness may have health issues.



SEVERE HEATWAVE - WATCH AND ACT

This is the time to make sure you keep cool and stay hydrated. Make sure you check on loved ones and neighbours who really feel the heat.



EXTREME HEATWAVE - EMERGENCY WARNING

This kind of heat will impact everyone's ability to go about their day.

Take extra care to keep cool and stay hydrated. Plan ahead, drink plenty of water, wear loose and light clothing, use your air conditioning and fans, and check on loved ones and neighbours who really feel the heat.

For life threatening emergency
Triple Zero (000)

For emergency assistance
132 500

For more information
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