






## Early Warnings Are Freely Available to Everyone Through:

- Social media (Facebook, X, WhatsApp)
- Newspapers
- Television
- More than 140 radio stations across the country

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is the official source of weather warnings. Always verify alerts through SAWS.

## How to Receive Early Warnings

-  Scan the EW QR Code
-  Join WhatsApp Channels
-  Attend IBF / Community Workshops
-  Listen to Local Radio Stations
-  Follow SAWS platforms



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An Early Warning System is a coordinated process that:

- Observes Hazards
- Monitors Risks
- Forecasts Disasters
- Communicates Warnings
- Guides Actions to Reduce Disaster Impacts

Impact-Based Early Warnings focus on:

**“What the weather will do.” Not “What the weather will be.”**

Helping communities and authorities take action in advance to reduce harm.

Early Warnings Work Best When They Are:

- People-centred
- Timely and Accurate
- Easy to Understand
- Linked to Clear Actions

What To Do:

- Stay Alert
- Evacuate to Safety
- Never Cross Flooded Roads, Bridges, and Streams
- Contact Your Local Authority for an Update

Likelihood	High		2	6	10
	Medium		1	5	9
	Low			4	8
	Ver Low			3	7
		Minor	Minor	Significant	Severe
Impact					

Green	No Expected Severe Weather
Yellow	<b>Be Aware:</b> There is a moderate risk of severe or low risk of extreme weather occurring. Stay alert
Amber	<b>Be Prepared:</b> There is a high risk of severe or moderate risk of extreme weather occurring. Remain Vigilant
Red	<b>Take Action:</b> There is a high risk of extreme weather occurring. Follow instructions from the authorities under all circumstances and prepare to take necessary safety precautions.