

Allianz Update

Australians warned to brace for Extreme Weather

As water temperatures in the Pacific Ocean have not yet stabilised Northern and Eastern Australia are likely to see increased rainfall. It is predicted we will see a wet northern summer and wet southern winter, and increased fuel loads as bush and scrub develop. Once things dry out in summer, we will see reduced rainfall and increased temperatures across NT, WA, SA, VIC and TAS, increasing the risk of bushfires.

In the coming season we are likely to see both a wet season and hot and dry season (depending on where you live in Aust). There will be ongoing risks of flooding and severe wet weather and an increased risk of bushfires as other parts of the country dry out and the increased heat over summer will likely increase the risk of severe bushfires.

How can you ensure your customers are ready for extreme weather?

Customers can ready themselves to face CAT events by creating an Emergency Action Plan, taking pre-emptive steps to protect their family and prepare their home and/or business before a CAT event occurs. It is important customers review their insurance and make sure they have appropriate cover for their situation.

At Allianz, we're committed to ensuring every Australian is prepared to face catastrophic (CAT) weather events, such as bushfires, storms, floods and cyclones. (Please note that a 72-hour waiting period may apply for cyclones, flood, grassfire or bushfire claims.)

We have created a set of resources for you to share with your customers to help prepare them to face each of these four major CAT events.

What can I share with my customers?

Attached are some PDF guides covering how your customers can prepare their family, create an emergency action plan and prepare their home and/or business before a bushfire, storm, flood or cyclone.

What do I do next?

You can help your customers prepare to face disasters by actively sharing these resources with your clients. They are a great prompt to open a discussion with your customers about their insurance needs.

More Information

For more information please contact your Allianz BDM or visit [Allianz.com.au/weather](https://www.allianz.com.au/weather).