Byron Shire emergency assist

For life threatening emergencies call Triple Zero 000 (Police, Fire and Ambulance)

For emergency help in floods and storms call NSW SES on **132 500**

For flood and storm information call NSW SES on 1800 201 000 or visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au

For information on major bush fires and total fire bans, call the NSW Rural Fire Service Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737 or visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Weather Information

Bureau of Meteorology for current weather warnings www.bom.gov.au

- NSW warnings call
 1300 659 218
- QLD cyclone warnings call 1300 659 212
- QLD land, weather and flood warnings call 1300 659 219
- QLD coastal marine warnings call 1300 360 427

My RoadInfo

For information on local road closures and road conditions visit www.myroadinfo.com.au

Byron Shire Council

Weekdays 8.30am to 4.30pm call **02 6626 7000**

Afterhours emergency call 02 6622 7022

Local Hospital

Byron Central Hospital 54 Ewingsdale Rd, Ewingsdale

P: 02 6639 9400

List your primary emergency contact:

Name:

Phone:

Don't get caught

Coastal hazard action guide

We love the beach, but storm events and coastal hazards like erosion and wave overtopping can make parts of our coastline less safe for residents and visitors. Here are some simple steps you can take to help make your trip to the beach safe.

Before a coastal hazard event

- Understand that coastal erosion will happen
- Realise that when it happens, coastal erosion can be dangerous
- · Understand that coastal erosion lowers the beach allowing more powerful waves to wash over and reach the back dune area. Waves can rush in unexpectedly with great force.

During a coastal hazard event

- 1. Stay out of the water don't place yourself at risk
- Don't go sightseeing during storm events
- 3. Don't stand on the edge of an eroding sand dune escarpment (cliff), or in low beach access track areas
- 4. Listen to local media for updates

After a coastal hazard event

(1) 1. Take notice of all beach access signage - some accesses may be closed due to damage



2. Keep clear of erosion - even in fine weather it could be unstable



3. Don't stand on top, or at the base, of eroded dunes they may be unstable and prone to collapse



4. Keep an eye on tidal information – visiting the beach even on low to mid tide can pose a risk as waves crash into the eroded (lowered) beach



5. Don't climb or dig tunnels into the dunes – they could collapse



6. Stay away from unstable structures on the dunes eg beach viewing platforms, buildings



7. Check the beach conditions before entering the water at www.beachsafe.org.au - swim at a patrolled beach location when available



- 8. Check on your neighbours and friends
- 9. Report sightings of dangerous objects, areas and infrastructure to Council on 02 6626 7000

Local media listen, watch and read to keep up to date

Radio

ABC North Coast - 94.5 FM Bay FM community radio – 99.9 FM North Coast Radio ZZZEM - 100.9 EM North Coast Radio 2LM - 104.3 FM

Television

Prime7 local news NBN local news Southern Cross Ten local news

Local newspapers

Byron Shire Echo www.echo.net.au Byron Shire News www.byronnews.com.au Northern Star www.northernstar.com.au

For more information on the Byron Shire Coastline Emergency Action Sub Plan visit: www.byron.nsw.gov.au



Do you have an emergency plan for storms, floods and fire? See NSW SES at www.stormsafe.com.au or www.floodsafe.com.au and NSW Rural Fire Service at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au for valuable information on preparing your home and yourself.

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