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Extreme weather updates

and information

Storm Eunice: Amber weather warning issued

The Met Office has issued an [Amber weather warning for wind this Friday 18 February](#). Storm Eunice may cause significant disruption due to extremely strong winds.

What does an Amber warning mean?

According to the Met Office website, an Amber weather warning means we could expect the following:

- There is a good chance that flying debris could result in a danger to life
- Damage to buildings and homes is likely, with roofs blown off and power lines brought down
- Roads, bridges and railway lines are likely to close, with delays and cancellations to bus, train, ferry services and flights
- There is a good chance that power cuts, possibly prolonged, could occur and possibly affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage
- Large waves are likely and beach material is likely to be thrown onto sea fronts, coastal roads and properties
- It is likely there will be falling branches and some uprooted trees

Stay up to date with weather warnings

- Get weather alerts sent straight to your email inbox thanks to [Met Office free weather email alerts](#).
- If you have a smartphone you can download the [Met Office weather app](#) from the iOS App Store and Google Play store and get weather alerts on your phone.

Stay ahead of the warnings by visiting the [Met Office website](#) for a look at the full forecast.

How you can prepare your home

Here are three ways to prepare for strong winds:

- Check your garden, especially if you have play equipment or if your fence has seen better days.
- Plan your travel routes carefully and be aware that roads, bridges and railways may close
- Make sure you're prepared for a possible power outage. Have a torch with batteries to hand and keep devices like phones and laptops charged. Find more tips on the [UK Power Networks website](#).



Get the latest roads and travel news on Twitter

The best way to find up-to-date information is to follow key organisations and agencies on Twitter. The following accounts are posting live updates as situations change:

- Highways England [@HighwaysSEAST](#)
- Sussex Roads Police [@SussexRoadsPol](#)
- West Sussex Highways (posting live road closures) [@WSHighways](#)

For train travel in the District, follow [@SouthernRailUK](#) and [@TLRailUK](#)

If you plan to attend an outdoor event this weekend, such as an organised run or cycle, check before you travel as it may be cancelled.



Reporting fallen trees

If you're out on the roads and see a fallen tree, here's who to contact.

- Always dial 999 in an emergency
- Report fallen trees on roads to [West Sussex Highways](#)
- Report fallen trees on motorways to [Highways England](#)
- Report fallen trees in our parks and open spaces to our [Trees team](#)



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