



Horses and storms

Have a storm plan

In a storm, you need somewhere safe to shelter. Your horses need somewhere safe as well. Planning ahead is the best approach to help keep your animals safe during an emergency. Make a plan for how you will prepare for and respond to a storm. Work with others in your household and consider:

- is your horse paddock or stables likely to be safe in a storm? Are there trees that could fall and destroy fences or areas that are flood prone? Are there electrical wires across paddocks? Are there loose items that could create a hazard?
- are you likely to need to evacuate your horses before a big storm hits? If so, where will they go? How will they get there?
- who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

Be prepared

- ✓ Create an emergency kit
- ✓ Consider evacuating your horses if a big storm is forecast
- ✓ If your property is in danger of flooding, move horses to the highest area of the property
- ✓ If strong winds are forecast, move horses to where they will have shelter
- ✓ If shelter is limited, consider appropriate rugging to protect horses from rain, hail, wind and cold
- ✓ Do not leave shelter to check animals until safe to do so.

Identification

All livestock, including horses, should be appropriately identified and registered.

Visit agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-movement-identification/livestock-ownership-identification-and-movement-western-australia

Storm warnings

Storm warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au