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## **RACQ: Don't be complacent, stay safe during severe weather**

RACQ has warned Queenslanders to prepare their homes and move vehicles to higher ground as intense rainfall and flooding continues to inundate parts of the State.

RACQ spokesperson Kate Leonard-Jones said there are more than 450 flooded roads across Queensland, but the situation is changing rapidly.

"Please avoid unnecessary travel in these dangerous conditions as roads on your route may become flooded," Ms Leonard-Jones said.

"There are more than a dozen flood warnings current and emergency alerts have been issued to several regions, including an evacuation notice for the Lockyer Valley.

"Please make sure your vehicles are in a safe location on higher ground and if your property is at risk of flooding, remove personal belongings and contents from low lying areas and ensure you have your emergency kit and evacuation plan ready."

Ms Leonard-Jones said RACQ had already received more than 120 insurance claims from this current severe weather event.

"The majority of claims so far are from the Greater Brisbane and Ipswich areas, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast and Townsville, but we do expect the number of claims to rise in coming days as the weather system tracks further south," she said.

"Around 80% of the claims we have received relate to property damage, including leaking roofs, water entry through windows and ground floor flooding.

"The motor claims have mainly been due to parked vehicles being swamped. However, we urge people to never drive through floodwaters, not only can it result in costly repairs to your vehicle, but it could also cost you your life.

"Our Roadside Assistance crews have had an increase in callouts and remain ready to assist our members."

RACQ Members can lodge a claim [here](#).

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