WEATHER WARNINGS · KEEP ON THE FRIDGE

What to do at each warning colour

The Met Office issues yellow, amber and red warnings. Always read the full warning, not just the colour: check the area, the timing and the likely impacts.

Yellow

Often "some low-level impacts, including some disruption to travel in a few places."

- [ ] Read the full warning: area, timing and likely impacts
- [ ] Check whether your travel plans or events fall in the warning period
- [ ] Carry on, but stay alert and allow extra time for journeys
- [ ] Check the forecast again before you set off

Amber

"An increased likelihood of impacts from severe weather, which could potentially disrupt your plans."

- [ ] Think about changing your plans
- [ ] Consider postponing non-essential journeys and outdoor plans
- [ ] Keep phones charged and a torch handy
- [ ] Take steps to protect yourself, your family and your property

Red

"Dangerous weather is expected", with a very high risk to life and substantial disruption.

- [ ] Take action now to keep yourself and others safe
- [ ] Stay indoors if you can
- [ ] Avoid travelling where possible
- [ ] Follow the advice of the emergency services

When it's passed

- [ ] Watch out for fallen trees, debris, floodwater and damaged power lines
- [ ] Check on elderly or vulnerable neighbours
- [ ] Photograph any damage before clearing up, for insurance

Warnings cover eight types of weather: rain, thunderstorms, wind, snow, lightning, ice, extreme heat and fog.

999
Danger to life: injured, trapped or swept into water

105
Power cuts and damaged power lines (England, Scotland, Wales)

03457 643643
Power cuts (Northern Ireland)

0345 988 1188
Floodline: flood warnings and advice (England)

Source: Met Office warnings guidance. Quotes are from the Met Office.