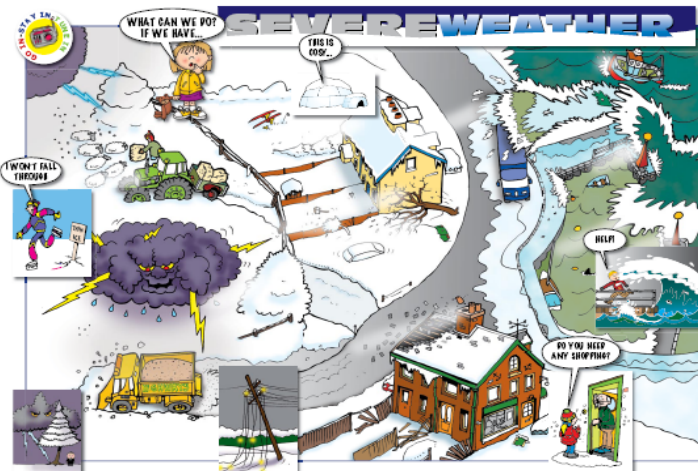


## Useful Telephone Numbers

TDC Careline	01255 686362
Met Office customer care	0870 900 0100
Environment Agency Floodline	0845 988 1188
Local Police Station	
Doctor	
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
Local Authority	
Town / Parish Council	
School	
Business	
Bank	
Electricity Company	
Gas Company	
Water Company	
Telephone Company (land line)	
Mobile Phone Provider	
Vet	
Insurance Company	

## Important Information

BBC Essex	103.5FM / 95.3FM
Heart FM	96.3FM / 102.6FM
BBC TV	Look East
ITV	Anglia
Home Insurance Policy	
Car Insurance Policy	
Passport No.	
National Insurance No.	
Driving Licence No.	
Pension No.	



Available via the Essex County Council website

[www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

Or by visiting [www.crucial-crew.org/what-if](http://www.crucial-crew.org/what-if)

Don't miss the other 5 leaflets in the severe weather series. Look out for the following:

- Heavy Rain
- Heavy Snow and Icy Roads
- Thunderstorms and Lightning
- Heat and Sun
- Dense Fog



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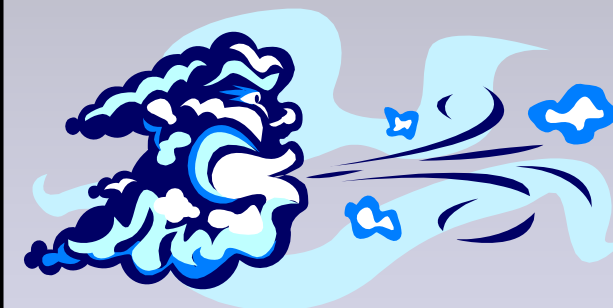
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E-mail: [eplanning@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@tendringdc.gov.uk)

## SEVERE GALES

The most common cause for damage and disruption in the UK is due to Severe Gales, with the majority of damage reports coming from the domestic community.



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## Before the storm:

- Secure loose objects like ladders, garden furniture or anything that could be blown into windows and other glazing and break them.
- Close and securely fasten doors and windows, paying particular attention to those on the side of your house that is exposed to the wind and large doors such as garage doors.
- Park vehicles in a garage, if available. Otherwise keep them clear of buildings, trees, walls and fences.
- Close and secure loft hatches with bolts, especially if the roof pitch is less than 30°.
- If the house is fitted with storm shutters, ensure these are closed and fastened.
- If chimney stacks are tall and in poor or uncertain condition, move beds away from areas directly below them.

## During the storm:

- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- If you go out try not to walk or shelter close to buildings and trees.
- Keep away from the sheltered side of boundary walls and fences, if they fall they will collapse on this side.
- Do not go out to repair damage whilst the storm is in progress.
- If possible, enter and leave your house through doors on the sheltered side, closing them behind you.
- Do not stand on sea walls or promenades when large waves are breaking, you may get swept away.

## After the storm:

- Be careful not to touch any electrical/telephone cables that have been blown down or are still hanging.
- Do not walk too close to walls,

buildings and trees as they could have been weakened.

- Make sure that any vulnerable neighbours or relatives are safe and help them make arrangements for any repairs.

## Driving in windy weather:

- It's not just high sided vehicles that are affected by high winds, strong gusts can affect cars, motorcyclists, cyclist and horse riders .
- Turbulence created by large vehicles may affect other road users especially motorcyclists. Keep well back from them.
- Take care when driving on exposed roads and bridges. If possible, delay your journey or find alternative, less exposed routes.
- Slow down and be aware of side winds, taking particular care if you are towing or a high sided vehicle.
- Do not drive unless your journey is really necessary.