What to do in strong winds

Yellow
Be aware

- Branches or small trees can fall down.
- Drive with care, especially on exposed routes.

Amber
Be prepared

- Travel disruption, for example closed bridges. Potential for some localised interruptions to power.
- More widespread fallen trees and other debris, such as slates dislodged from roofs.

Red
Take action

- Widespread structural damage, for example roofs blown off, mobile homes overturned, power lines brought down.
- Risk to personal safety from flying debris.

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Before strong winds

- Secure loose objects such as ladders, garden furniture, wheelie bins, trampolines or anything else that could cause damage if dislodged by strong winds.
- Close and securely fasten doors and windows.
- Park vehicles in a garage if available. If possible keep vehicles clear of buildings, trees, walls and fences.

During strong winds

- Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk or shelter close to buildings and trees.
- Do not go outside to repair damage during the storm.
- Do not drive unless your journey is really necessary. If possible, drive in daylight hours.

After strong winds

- 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.

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