

A few words from our NSW SES volunteers

"I have a desk job, so being able to get out in the field, climb on roofs and cut up trees is a refreshing change."

"I love adventure, and relish the sense of excitement when we are in the truck on our way to a job. You never quite know what you are going to get."

"I can do things in the NSW SES that I would never get the chance to do through my day job."



"My original reason for joining the NSW SES was to volunteer for the community, but the reason I have stayed so long is the fantastic people that I work with and the personal challenges and skills I have gained over the years."

"On top of some amazing adventures like abseiling from cliff tops, the real sense of satisfaction for me comes from having helped people in times of need when they are unable to help themselves."

"As a NSW SES trainer, I stand back and watch as team members regularly overcome difficult challenges and their own personal fears to achieve results they never knew they could."

NSW SES volunteers

NSW SES volunteers have been helping their communities during floods and storms, as well as other natural and man-made disasters, since 1955.

The most valuable resource available to the NSW SES is the 10,000 NSW SES volunteers. The NSW SES is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and volunteers are trained to nationally accredited standards relevant to their many operational and non-operational roles.

The NSW SES welcomes new volunteers to assist in a wide range of activities. There is the opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds and abilities to participate.

For more information about volunteering with the NSW SES, call 1800 201 000.



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FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOOD,
STORM AND TSUNAMI CALL

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In life-threatening emergencies call 000 (triple zero)

For more information call the NSW SES
on 1800 201 000

or visit: www.ses.nsw.gov.au



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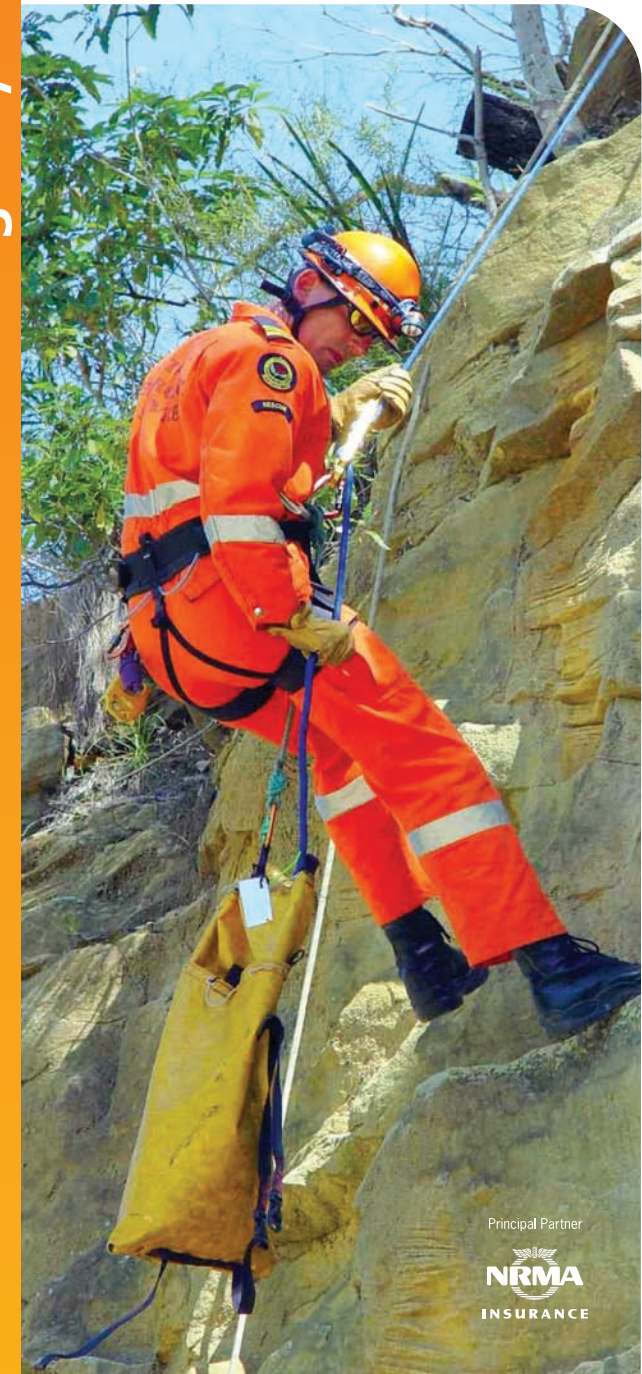


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The NSW State Emergency Service

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is the most versatile and widely used rescue and public safety organisation in New South Wales. Around 10,000 volunteers are ready to assist their community through a wide range of emergencies.

The NSW SES began in 1955 as a result of devastating floods across NSW, particularly in the Hunter Region where loss of life as well as massive damage to property and infrastructure occurred. The NSW SES has grown and diversified since this time and has been instrumental in the response to many disasters and emergencies, not only in NSW but across Australia.

The State Headquarters of the NSW SES is located in Wollongong with 17 Region Headquarters located across the state. There are more than 228 volunteer units around metropolitan and regional NSW, supported by their local councils.

The NSW SES is the lead agency in the response to floods, storms and tsunamis in NSW. The NSW SES also supports other emergency services in times of natural and man-made disasters and is committed to building safer and more resilient communities.

Floods and storms are the most damaging and costly disasters which the communities of NSW face. Most people experience several storms or floods in their lifetime and are likely to need the assistance of NSW SES at some time.



Did you know?



Women make up 40% of volunteer membership



You can become a NSW SES volunteer from 16 years of age



There are 228 NSW SES units serving the NSW community



NSW SES volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds, levels of fitness and ages

How can the NSW SES help?

The NSW SES aims to help keep people safe, build community resilience and minimise the risks to life and property when emergencies occur.

NSW SES volunteers are highly trained in responding in emergency situations. Types of training include:

- ✓ storm and water damage responses
- ✓ first aid
- ✓ equipment use
- ✓ operational management
- ✓ logistics
- ✓ search and rescue techniques
- ✓ media
- ✓ administration and many other operational areas.

These skills are used to respond in emergency situations to help keep communities safe and protect life and property.

Another major role of the NSW SES is to ensure local communities are aware and educated on how best to prepare their homes and properties in the event of a flood, storm or tsunami.

NSW SES emergency roles

The NSW SES takes part in many diverse emergency roles. These roles vary from unit to unit according to local needs and accreditation including:

Flood Management – including warning, evacuation, rescue and the provision of essential supplies to people isolated by floodwater

Storm Damage Control – securing (making safe) and making temporary repairs to roofs, removing fallen trees from buildings and rescuing trapped people

Tsunami Response – including warning, evacuation and rescue

Rescue – including Road Crash Rescue, Vertical Rescue and General Rescue

Land Search – the NSW SES assists NSW Police with land searches for lost and missing people as well as searches for evidence

Community Engagement – working with your community to help build local resilience to flood, storm and tsunami

Community First Responder – appropriately trained NSW SES volunteers respond and provide advanced first aid in some isolated communities until professional medical assistance arrives

Emergency Services Liaison – assisting other agencies in the management of disasters such as bushfires, earthquakes, landslides and technological disasters

