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## HOW TO HOST A BIG WEATHER GET TOGETHER ONLINE

If you can't get together in person, hosting an online meet-up can be a great way to catch up with your neighbours and community, and get ready for the big weather season ahead.

There are plenty of video meeting tools you could use, like Zoom, Skype or Facebook Messenger.

Here are some ideas for how to make your online **Big Weather Get Together** fun, informative and useful.

### What to do

- **Choose your platform.** Decide which video meeting tool to use, and test it out beforehand.
- **Set a date and time.** Let people know when your event is happening, and how they can join. You could do this by creating an event page on Facebook, or sending an email around to your network. We've created some **Big Weather Get Together invites** you can use too.
- **Make a plan.** Plan what you're going to include. We recommend starting with a short explainer covering what the get together is about, talking about the **Big Weather** series and what you've taken away from it (our **conversation starters** will help you here!), running a **Big Weather Quiz**, and committing to doing one small thing this week to prepare for the summer season ahead.
- **Choose a host.** Choose one person to host the meeting to keep things running smoothly.
- **Make it inclusive.** Ask questions and encourage everyone to jump in and share their ideas. Maybe some have experience of previous big weather events they would like to share, what they are doing now to get ready for the season ahead, or ideas for building community resilience.

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- **Make it fun!** Our *Big Weather* tools will help with that, and get everybody thinking about how prepared they really are for big weather events. You can download them from the **Big Weather Get Together Toolkit**. We recommend these:
  - **Conversation starters** to help get the ball rolling
  - **Big Weather quizzes** that will really test your knowledge!
  - You might like to play the **series trailer video**
  - Or the video showing two families **pack to evacuate**
- **Get ready.** Finish with a plan for what to do next. That might be one simple thing like everyone downloading the [Australian Red Cross Get Prepared app](#) and making an emergency plan, or putting the [local ABC Radio frequency](#) and [abc.net.au/emergency](#) website on the fridge so they know where to tune in during an emergency. Or your community might come up with other great ideas during your **Big Weather Get Together!**

## Tips

Sometimes large video chats can get a bit unruly! You might want to ask everyone to mute their microphone when they're not speaking, and raise their hand when they want to jump in on the conversation.

If you're playing a video clip, make sure you use the full-screen feature when sharing your video. It makes it easier for others to watch.