

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Environmental Health Officer investigates situations that have a likelihood of impacting the community in a negative manner. For example, illegal hazardous substance disposal, insanitary conditions, such as accumulation of domestic waste and many other differing issues liable to affect the health of the community or environment.

### **Public and Environmental Health**

[South Australian Public Health Act 2011](#) promotes and provides for the protection of the health of the public of South Australia and to reduce the incidence of preventable illness, injury and disability.

### **Local Nuisance and Litter Control**

The [Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016](#) regulates local nuisance and littering.

### **Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease**

We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious diseases when they bite.

The most common disease spread by mosquitoes in South Australia is [Ross River virus](#), followed by [Barmah Forest virus](#).

There is currently no cure and no vaccine for either virus.

The only way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten:

- [cover up, repel, eliminate](#)
- [protect your baby or toddler](#)
- [protect yourself on holiday](#).

For information on mosquito control on private land after floods and storms click here <http://bit.ly/2IHulcY>.

### **Heatwave Information**

Heatwaves can have a detrimental impact on communities. They affect many parts of everyday life such as health and wellbeing, energy and infrastructure, public transport and agriculture. They can also contribute to an increased fire risk and heat stressed trees, which pose a significant threat to public safety. The State Emergency Service (SES) has developed the Heatwave Information Guide to provide some simple steps to surviving heatwave. The guide also lists the signs of heat stress to look out for in yourself and others to ensure everyone's safety.

Further information or to download a copy of the Heatwave Information Guide please click <http://bit.ly/2pqDvrM>.

Important Contact Information:

For medical advice telephone Healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222

For immediate medical assistance telephone 000.

### **Rainwater Tanks**

In Australia where water is scarce, our limited rainfall is too valuable to waste. Rainwater is generally safe to drink but collecting a good, clean supply depends on "*low* maintenance - not *no* maintenance". The following fact sheet provides useful information and tips when using rainwater around the home <http://bit.ly/2DIilta>.