

Live news – Storm Éowyn is on the way

The Met Office has issued a rare red weather warning which covers Lothian and Borders – which means stay at home if you can.

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Met Office Chief Meteorologist, Paul Gundersen, said: “We reserve the issuing of Red Warnings for the most severe weather which represents a likely danger to life and severe disruption, and that is the case with Storm Éowyn.

“While it will be widely very windy on Friday, with additional hazards from rain and snow, the strongest winds and most significant impacts are likely in Northern Ireland and central and southwestern parts of Scotland within the Red Warning areas, where winds could gust 80-90 mph quite widely for a time, and potentially up to 100mph for exposed coasts in particular.”

The weather will change during Thursday turning wet and windy during Friday morning with snow in some parts of Scotland and winds moving through from Northern Ireland to arrive in Shetland on Friday evening.

This is what the Met Office have said about Scotland:

Scotland

[Red Warning for wind](#) for western and central areas of Scotland 10:00 until 17:00 Friday.

[Amber Warning for wind](#) in southern half of Scotland 06:00 until 21:00 Friday.

[Amber Warning for wind](#) for northern half of Scotland from 13:00 Friday to 06:00 Saturday.

[Yellow Warning for wind](#) 00:00 until 23:59 Friday.

[Yellow Warning for snow](#) 06:00 until 23:59 Friday.

[Yellow Warning for winds](#) 00:00 – 15:00 Saturday.

As Storm Éowyn approaches, precipitation will initially fall as snow, mainly over the higher ground, but much of this will turn to rain as milder air moves in. Winds will strengthen through the morning with the strongest gusts in southwestern parts of Scotland. There will be a time in the middle of the day when the low passes over Scotland and winds could sharply fall for a time before quickly strengthening again. Blustery wintry showers will remain through Saturday as the low moves away.

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