



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **MOSQUITO WARNING**

The Department of Health is warning the public to take precautions against biting insects, including mosquitos, following the recent flooding in Western Australia.

The flooding has created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding which is likely to increase the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

Shire environmental health officers are continuing to set mosquito traps and conducting larvae sampling as part of The Mosquito Management Plan.

Esperance residents are encouraged to be alert and to take precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. This includes wearing protective clothing when outdoors, using personal repellent, avoiding outdoor exposure at dusk and dawn and using nets and mosquito screens.

CEO Matthew Scott said "Favourable conditions for mosquito breeding can potentially increase the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. It is important for us to be aware of mosquito activity and to take appropriate precautions to protect ourselves and our children."

"You can also help reduce mosquito breeding by making some changes around your home by removing any stagnant water around the house, keeping pools well chlorinated and free of debris, and cleaning pet water bowls weekly," CEO Matthew Scott said.

For more information please refer to the Department of Health media release.

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Media-releases/Biting-insect-and-mosquito-borne-disease-risk-increase-across-Western-Australia>

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