**Mosquitos in a disaster fact sheet** 

## Protect yourself / against mosquitoes



An increase in mosquitos means an increase in bites and mosquito-borne diseases.



Mosquito numbers often increase after weather events, as still water provides perfect breeding conditions.

You can stop mosquitos breeding by:

- cleaning up debris around your house and yard
- empty or remove containers holding water around your house and yard
- checking mosquito-proof screens are fitted on water tanks.



seek medical advice from your doctor.

The best way to prevent getting sick is to stop mosquitoes breeding and avoid getting bitten. To avoid being bitten by mosquitos:

- apply insect repellent containing DEET or
  Picaridin on exposed skin, especially at dawn
  or dusk
  - wear long, loose, light-coloured clothing and closed-in footwear
  - use mosquito coils outside or plug-in insecticide devices indoors
  - use bed, cot, and pram mosquito netting
  - close windows and doors at dusk where possible
    - check the flyscreens in your home are in good condition.

## Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) at any time. Contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for your nearest Public Health Unit.

If you or anyone in your household is experiencing any health effects,

