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STORM AUSTEN UPDATE

Storm Austen continues to affect Sark and strong winds are expected to continue throughout today, with a risk of damage, flying debris and fallen trees.

We are aware that a tree has fallen across Harbour Hill and is currently causing an obstruction. Arrangements are in hand to have it removed as soon as it is safe for those undertaking the work to do so. In the meantime, residents and visitors are kindly asked to avoid the area and not attempt to move or clear the tree themselves.

Given the strength and direction of the winds, there remains an increased risk of further trees and branches coming down without warning. Islanders are encouraged to exercise caution when travelling, particularly near wooded areas, cliff paths and other exposed locations.

The Emergency Services are not advising people to remain indoors, however it will be safer to avoid unnecessary outdoor activity while the strongest winds persist. Islanders are encouraged to take sensible precautions, including securing any loose outdoor items, checking property where it is safe to do so, and remaining aware of the conditions around them.

If you do need to travel, please do so cautiously and be mindful of debris, fallen branches and changing conditions.

We will continue to monitor conditions and assess reports as they are received. Priority will be given to issues that present the greatest risk to public safety.

We would like to thank everyone who is assisting with monitoring conditions and responding to incidents across the Island.

The latest weather information can be found at [Guernsey weather forecast | Jersey Met.](#)

For more information, go to gov.gg/StormAusten