

Weather Update

Storms

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As stormy weather continues to sweep across the UK, adjusters from Crawford & Company have reported that extreme conditions in Scotland are causing the most concern for policyholders and insurers.

Reports of damage and debris have been coming in throughout today, after winds gusted up to 100mph throughout the country. At present Crawford's experts are expecting losses from a variety of storm damage incidents but it's too early to make a call on the severity of impact on claims volumes

"We have some eyewitness accounts of debris falling onto the M8 motorway into and out of Glasgow which is subject to restrictions and detours, and we have reports of structural damage coming in. The region south of both Glasgow and Edinburgh was particularly difficult this morning," says Gareth Bowers, UK Surge Director.

Major bridges including the Forth and Tay, as well as Kingston Bridge have been closed; the latter owing to two overturned lorries. Meanwhile Scotland's electricity network has been affected once again by high winds across Argyle and Trossachs."

"The problem is exacerbated because Scotland has had to deal with a month of very damaging weather," adds Gareth. "By the middle of December there had already been the highest ever number of severe weather warnings issued in a single month and this event will be hitting already weakened structures."

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