

# Record storm cost up to 100 mn euros in damage: Dutch insurers

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A record-breaking summer storm that pummelled the Netherlands and Germany, leaving two people dead, has caused as much as 100 million

euros (\$109 million) in damage, Dutch insurers said on Thursday.

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The Dutch Association of Insurers said that, according to initial estimates, "damage to homes, cars and [commercial buildings](#) due to storm Poly amounts to 50 to 100 million euros."

"Poly has wreaked havoc and the impact is major," association director Richard Weurding added in a statement.

He stressed the figure was an initial assessment based on [historical data](#), adding "it can still increase."

Meteorologists said the storm was the strongest on record to hit the Netherlands in the [summer months](#) and issued a rare "code red" warning for millions of people in the low-lying nation to stay indoors.

A 51-year-old woman was killed when a tree fell on her car in the Dutch city of Haarlem, authorities said.

A 64-year-old woman died after being struck by a falling tree in the German town of Rhede near the Dutch border.

Two men were seriously injured in Amsterdam, one when a tree fell on his car, while a second was believed to have been hit by falling [power lines](#), local media said.

A tree also fell on a houseboat in one of Amsterdam's historic canals, while another toppled onto a tram in The Hague, though no one was hurt.

Flights resumed at Schiphol on Thursday, but the airport warned of busier than usual wait times at check-in or for security checks.

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