



Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings

- **Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start.** They provide important information so you can take action to protect yourself and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of a bushfire. You need to understand the Fire Danger Rating to assess your level of bushfire risk and decide what actions to take.

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:

Moderate: Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled. Stay up to date and be alert for fires in your area.

High: Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous. Decide what you will do if a fire starts. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

Extreme: Take action now to protect your life and property.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Put your bushfire plan into action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions and if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.

- When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to '**No Rating**'. On these days you still need to remain alert and abide by local seasonal laws and regulations.

- **When a bushfire starts, things can change in a matter of minutes so it's important to stay up to date through official information sources.**

During a bushfire, emergency services will provide you with as much information as possible, but no system is foolproof. If you believe you are in danger, act immediately to stay safe and do not wait for a warning.

If you see smoke or flames call Triple Zero (000) and put your bushfire plan into action immediately.

Bushfire warning levels change to reflect the increasing risk to your life or property, and the decreasing amount of time you have until the fire arrives.

The warning levels for bushfires are:

Advice



A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes.
Be aware and keep up to date.

Watch and Act



There is a possible threat to lives or homes.
You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.

Emergency Warning



There is a threat to lives or homes.
You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.

All Clear



The danger has passed and the fire is under control.
Take care and remain vigilant in case the situation changes.

Where to find ratings and warnings:

- Emergency WA [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)
- DFES Emergency Information Line 13 DFES (13 3337)
- ABC Radio or 6PR - Your local radio frequency
- DFES Facebook [facebook.com/dfeswa](https://www.facebook.com/dfeswa)
- DFES Twitter twitter.com/dfes_wa



Make a plan

Dangerous bushfires can start at any time and can quickly turn into a life-threatening situation for you and your loved ones. Your safety will depend on how prepared you are and the decisions you make.

Create a bushfire plan in under 15 minutes at mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au



For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/prepare