

Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings

- **Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger if a bushfire starts.** 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 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. There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

Extreme: Take action now.

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. If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.

- On days 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.

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- **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.

Know the Alerts and Warnings

There are three warning levels which move up and down to reflect the risk to your life or property before, during and after a bushfire. Learning these three levels and how to respond to them could save your life.

The warning levels for bushfires are:

Advice	Watch and Act	Emergency Warning
		
A fire is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.	There is a possible threat to lives or homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.	There is a threat to lives or homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

 If you see smoke or flames call Triple Zero (000) and put your Bushfire Plan into action immediately

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.



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