

Be Safe and Leave Early Plan

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What will we take?
- Prepare before bushfire season:

☐ Important/legal documents

☐ Drinking water, food for the trip

☐ First aid kit

☐ Precious items (jewellery, medals)

☐ Personal hygiene items

☐ Phone, computer, chargers

☐ Clothing for everyone
- Items to grab when leaving:

☐ Medication, life support equipment, mobility devices

☐ Wallet

☐ House and car keys

☐ Pets and supplies (food, bowls, cage, leash, etc)

☐ Phone and charger

☐ Laptop and charger

Other items:

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Where will you store your Emergency Kit?

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What is your backup plan?
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What if no one’s home?

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What if you are home alone?

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Your transport option is not available?

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Your pets run away?

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What if you have guests staying at your house?

Is there anything else you need to consider?

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What if it’s too late to leave your property, where will you shelter?
- ☐ Beach

☐ Dam

☐ In a room with two exits (one exit must lead outside)

☐ Oval

☐ Open cleared paddock

☐ Other

If you are unable to leave:

Wear heavy duty non-flammable clothing including gloves, boots, goggles, head cover and filter mask and have non-flammable blankets for extra protection from extreme heat.

Call 000 and inform them of your situation, how many people and where you are sheltering and ensure everyone including pets stay together.

Share this plan with your service provider, if you have one.



Stay informed at [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

Emergency WA is the primary and most up to date source of information for:

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Current warnings
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Fire Danger Ratings
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Total Fire Bans

You can also access this information via

13 DFES (13 3337)

National Relay Service 1300 555 727

When warnings are published on Emergency WA they will also be shared via:

- Local ABC Radio
- DFES Facebook
- DFES Twitter

Your surroundings are also an important information source. Look for signs of fire such as smoke or embers and take action for your own safety.

All fires should be reported to 000.



Be Safe and Leave Early Plan

Bushfires happen every year. To survive a bushfire, you must be prepared to make your own decisions – you cannot rely on emergency services or your service provider when a bushfire threatens.

Complete this be safe and leave early plan with the help of your family or support network, and display it where everyone can see.

You need to plan to leave early when a bushfire threatens.

Bushfire Risk and Dangers

If you live near bush, even in a metropolitan area, bushfire is a real threat to you and your family, and the direct care workers (service providers) who provide services to you.

The service providers who support you may also be at risk if a bushfire threatens.

It is important that your service providers know your bushfire plan information in order to develop their own emergency policies and procedure

It is important for residents living in bushfire risk areas to:

- Understand their local bushfire risk
- Know how to access and understand the bushfire warning and rating systems
- Prepare their properties for the threat of bushfire
- Develop a bushfire plan prior to the summer months.

The Fire Danger Ratings (below) describe the potential danger level you could face if a bushfire starts, while the Bushfire Warnings System (on the right) provides information about what to do during a bushfire.



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Where is your bushfire plan for?

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Who do we need to protect?

☐ Me

☐ Babies and children

☐ Pets

☐ Other adults

☐ People who need assistance

☐ Livestock and other animals

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When will we leave?

We will leave when:

☐ The fire danger rating in my area is Extreme or Catastrophic

☐ There is lightning in my area

☐ There is a bushfire Advice in my area

☐ We believe a fire will affect our property in the next 24 hours

☐ There is a bushfire Watch and Act in my area

☐ We see or smell smoke close by

Is there anything else we need to consider?

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Where will we go and how will we get there? What are your options if you do not have your own transport?

Safe Place A:

Route:

Transport

Safe Place B:

Route:

Transport

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Who will we call?

Please ensure one of your emergency contact is your family member or personal support network so that they know you have relocated safely.

If you have a service provider, then please notify them as well that you have relocated. (As your service provider might need to contact you to discuss if or how the bushfire may impact your service.)

Emergency Contact 1:

Mobile:

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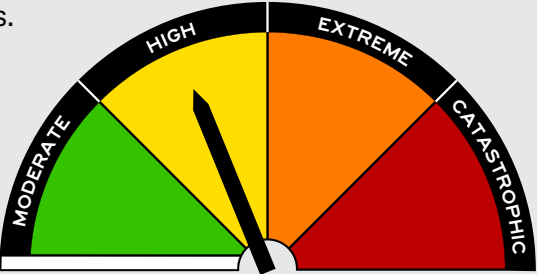
Mobile:

Australian Fire Danger Ratings System

Fire Danger Ratings provide you with important information so you can take action to protect yourself and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfires.

Before a bushfire

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to ‘No Rating’. At this level, fires are not expected to spread in a fast or life-threatening way.



Fire Danger Rating	Fire behaviour	Action required
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
Extreme Take action now to protect life and property	Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous	Put your bushfire plan into action
Catastrophic For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas	If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost	Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. Stay safe - go to a safer location early in the morning or the night before

Australian Warning System - Bushfire

During a bushfire, emergency services will issue a warning if the fire is impacting, or likely to impact the community. There are three levels of warning. These change to reflect the increasing risk to your life or property, and the decreasing amount of time you have until the fire arrives.

During a bushfire

EMERGENCY WARNING
An out of control fire is approaching fast. There is a threat to lives and homes and you need to take immediate action to survive.
You must seek shelter or leave now if it is safe to do so.

WATCH AND ACT
If your plan is to leave, leave now. If your plan is to stay, get ready to actively defend.
Only stay and defend if you are mentally and physically prepared.

ADVICE
A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Stay alert and watch for signs of fire.
Be aware and keep up to date.

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