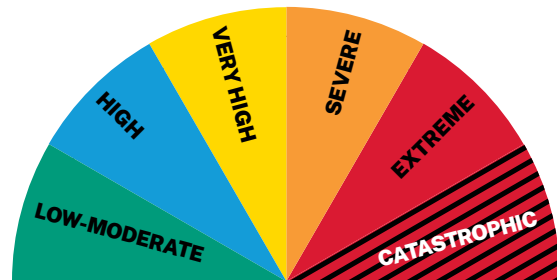


FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Use this tool daily during bushfire season to monitor conditions in your area. Based on forecast weather conditions, the higher the rating, the higher the risk of bushfire.

BEFORE A BUSHFIRE



CATASTROPHIC

The worst conditions for a fire. Homes are not designed or built to withstand a fire in these conditions. The only safe place is away from bushfire risk areas.

EXTREME SEVERE VERY HIGH

Seek out information and be ready to leave or stay and actively defend your property if a fire starts. Only stay if you are 100% prepared.

HIGH LOW-MODERATE

Be vigilant. Check your fire plan and continue to monitor conditions as they can change quickly.

BUSHFIRE ALERTS

The alerts provide information on the severity of a bushfire once it has started.

BUSHFIRE WARNING SYSTEM



EMERGENCY WARNING

An out of control fire is approaching fast and you need to take immediate action to survive. If you haven't prepared your home it is too late.

You must seek shelter or leave now if it is safe to do so.



WATCH AND ACT

A fire is approaching and there is a possible threat to lives or homes. Put your plan into action. If your plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. If your plan is to stay, check all your equipment is ready.

Only stay and defend if you are mentally and physically prepared.



ADVICE

A fire has started but there is no immediate danger. Stay alert and watch for signs of a fire.

Be aware and keep up to date.

Stay up to date at www.emergency.wa.gov.au or listen to your local ABC radio

BE SAFE & LEAVE EARLY PLAN

A bushfire plan – to share with your family and service providers



YOU NEED TO LEAVE EARLY WHEN A BUSHFIRE THREATENS.

Please complete this plan with all members of your household, ensuring you consider any special needs or limitations individuals may have.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO PREPARE



dfes.wa.gov.au



DFES Community Preparedness on 9395 9816



In a life threatening emergency call 000

BUSHFIRE ALERTS AND WARNINGS



emergency.wa.gov.au



13 3337 (13 DFES)



ABC local radio or 6PR emergency bulletins



Other media outlets such as radio, television and the internet

OUR STAY SAFE AND LEAVE EARLY PLAN

1 **WHEN will we leave?**

My trigger to leave early may include: • The forecast Fire Danger Rating
• See Smoke • Smell Smoke • Information from neighbours and friends

2 **WHERE will we go?**

3 **WHO will we call?**

Are your family members or personal support network aware of who you will contact to advise you have relocated safely?

4 My **SERVICE PROVIDER** is:

NAME

CONTACT NUMBER

5 **WHICH way will we go?**

ROUTE 1:

ROUTE 2:

ROUTE 3:

6 **WHAT will we take?**

Don't forget to consider: Pets, medication/s, important documents.

7 **What is our BACKUP PLAN?**

8 **If we can't LEAVE OUR PROPERTY where can we shelter safely?**

1

Waiting to see flames before you evacuate is too late. You must at all times be prepared to activate your own plan. With only a limited number of fire trucks and emergency service personnel, you cannot depend on others when a bushfire threatens.

2

Choose a safe place, like the home of a family member or friends that live away from the fire zone.

3

Make sure you call someone when you are leaving and when you get to your location, so that they know you are safe.

4

You must ensure you have notified your service provider that you have relocated. Your service provider will need to contact you to discuss if or how the bushfire may impact your service.

5

Fire can come from any direction and paths can quickly become blocked. Choose more than one route to your safer place. If you don't have more than one route, pick another safe place.

6

You will need to prepare an Emergency Kit before the bushfire season. Ask your service provider or DFES to provide you with a checklist of what to include. Make a list of the key or last minute items you need to take with you.

7

Things don't always go to plan in an emergency. Most fires start quickly and with little warning. Think about what you will do if:

- You are home alone?
- Your pets run away?
- Your transport option isn't available?

8

Think about the best place to seek shelter, such as a room that has an internal and external exit like a laundry or an area outside that has already been burnt such as a paddock.

Your BE SAFE AND LEAVE EARLY Plan should be:

- Developed with the help of your family or personal support network
- Reviewed at the start of each bushfire season
- Provided to your service providers for their records.