

When is bushfire season?

Bushfires can happen all year round. But during the hottest and driest times of the year, bushfire risk is at its highest. On hot, dry and windy days, there's a much higher chance of a bushfire starting and getting out of control. If you're travelling on these days:

- Visit safer places such as cities and towns.
- Be prepared to change your travel plans at short notice if a fire starts.
- Make sure someone outside your travel group knows your plans, destinations and expected times.



Bushfire



ADVICE

An incident is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.

- Prepare now
- Stay informed
- Monitor conditions
- Avoid the area
- Return with caution
- Avoid smoke
- Threat is reduced



**WATCH
AND ACT**

There is a possible threat to lives or homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.

- Prepare to leave/evacuate
- Leave/evacuate now (if you are not prepared)
- Prepare to take shelter
- Move/stay indoors
- Stay near shelter
- Monitor conditions as they are changing
- Be aware of ember attack
- Limit time outside (cyclone, heat, asthma)
- Stay away from damaged buildings and other hazards

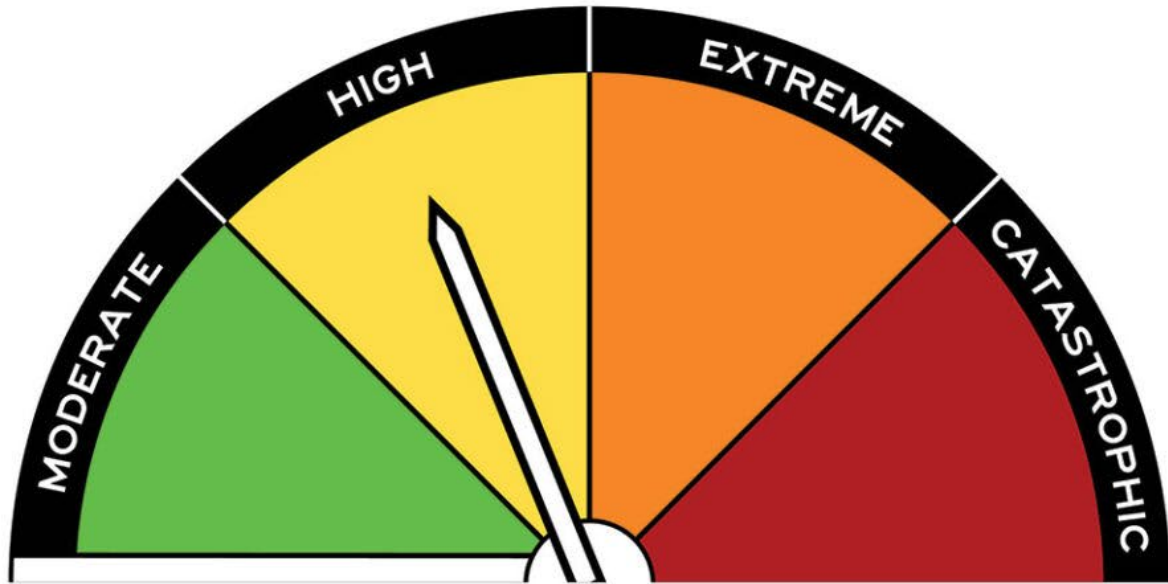


**EMERGENCY
WARNING**

There is a threat to lives and homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

- Leave/evacuate (immediately, by am/pm/hazard timing)
- Take shelter now
- Shelter indoors now
- Too late to leave

The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to
protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave
bushfire risk areas

Moderate

Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled.

Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire

High

Be ready to act.
Fires can be dangerous.

There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.

Decide what you will do if a fire starts.

If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bushfire risk areas.

Extreme

Take action now to protect your life and property.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.

These are dangerous fire conditions.

Check your bushfire plan and ensure that your property is fire ready.

If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.

Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas.

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas
If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.

Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.

Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.

Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.