

GET TO KNOW THE FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

Australian Fire Danger Ratings describe the level of danger should a bushfire start based on weather conditions and other factors.

The rating system has four levels – **Moderate**, **High**, **Extreme** and **Catastrophic**. This rating system helps you decide how to stay safe on days of high fire danger.

To check the fire danger rating in your area on any given day visit the Tasmania Fire Service website: fire.tas.gov.au/fire-danger-rating

MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

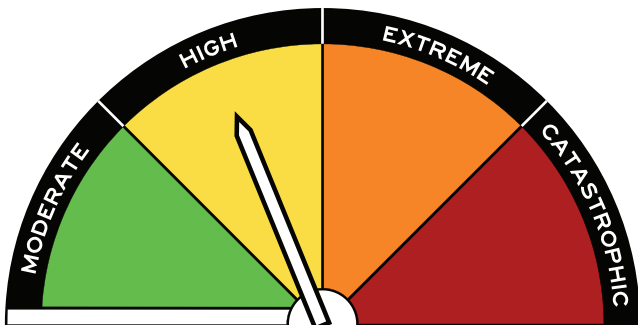
Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

To contact the police, fire or ambulance in an emergency, call

Triple Zero
(000)
CALLS ARE FREE

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BUSHFIRE AM I AT RISK?



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It takes a community to prepare for bushfire

WHAT IS BUSHFIRE?

Bushfires are wildfires that burn through vegetation such as native bushland and grasses, forests and farm land.

Australia experiences thousands of bushfires every year.

Bushfires harm lives, property, livestock and the environment.

WHEN ARE BUSHFIRES LIKELY TO IGNITE?

- When temperatures are high.
- When humidity is low.
- When vegetation is dry.
- When winds are strong.

The Tasmania Fire Service will declare a “Total Fire Ban” when weather conditions are dangerous.

On Total Fire Ban days all barbeques, portable stoves, pizza ovens etc that use wood, charcoal, heat beads or other solid or liquid fuels are banned.

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WHAT CAUSES BUSHFIRE?

- Lightning strikes.
- Sparks from machinery.
- Lit cigarette butts that are thrown away.
- Arson.
- Unattended campfires.
- Other accidental ignitions.

HOW TO HELP PREVENT BUSHFIRES

- Do not light fires on “Total Fire Ban” days.
- If you light a fire make sure you put it out properly and don’t leave it unattended.
- Put out cigarette butts and place them in the bin.

Be Ready – prepare your house and family for bushfire.



HOW TO PREPARE FOR BUSHFIRE

- Mow your lawn to keep the grass short.
- Tidy your garden and remove dead branches, leaf litter and bark.
- Water your lawn and garden to keep them green.
- Do not plant shrubs next to your house or under trees.
- Prepare a “Bushfire Plan”.
- Check the “Fire Danger Rating”.
- Plan to leave your home on days of **Extreme** and **Catastrophic** Fire Danger Ratings. You should leave for a safe place, well before a fire threatens your home.

GET THE TASALERT APP

For more information about how to stay safe before, during and after a bushfire, visit alert.tas.gov.au/get-ready/bushfire.

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