

# BUSHFIRE WARNING SYSTEMS: HOW AND WHEN TO USE THEM

**!** **DON'T WAIT FOR A TEXT MESSAGE  
OR A KNOCK ON THE DOOR**  
from the emergency services.



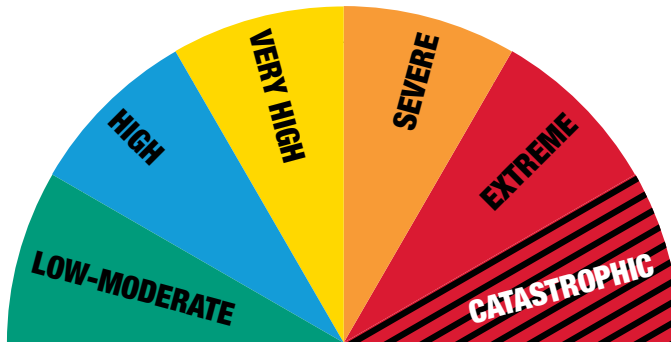
**In catastrophic bushfire conditions, a fire can be intense enough to melt metal; the only option is to leave the risk area before it's too late.**

If you live in a bushfire risk area you need to understand the Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warning Systems, stay informed, monitor local conditions and make your own decisions.

# 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.

## WHERE TO FIND THESE TOOLS AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



[emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)  
[dfes.wa.gov.au](http://dfes.wa.gov.au)  
DFES Twitter & Facebook



Local news  
from the tv, radio  
and websites



DFES emergency  
information line:  
13 3337



Your surroundings  
could be your best  
information source.

# BUSHFIRE WARNING SYSTEMS:

Similar to a cyclone categorisation tool. The alerts provide information on the severity of bushfires once it has started. The alert level reflects the risk to life and property.

## DURING A BUSHFIRE



**EMERGENCY WARNING**



**WATCH AND ACT**



**ADVICE**

### EMERGENCY WARNING

An out of control fire is approaching very fast. You need to act immediately to survive. If you haven't prepared your home it is too late. You must leave now if it is safe to do so.

### WATCH AND ACT

A fire is approaching and is out of control. Put your plan into action. If your plan is to leave, make sure you leave early. Only stay if you are mentally, physically and emotionally prepared to defend your property and you have all the right equipment.

### ADVICE

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

When you understand these warning systems, continue to Step 1.