

Am I at risk from Bushfire?

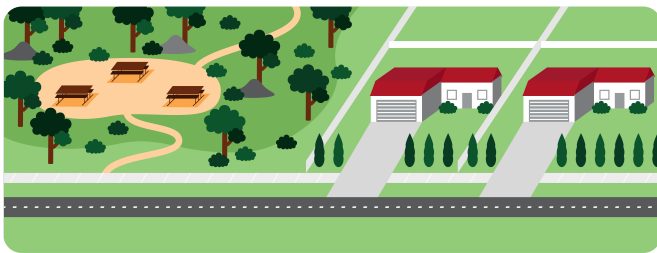
Bushfires happen every summer. They can start suddenly and without warning. It's important to understand your risks and plan what you'll do to keep safe when a bushfire threatens your life or home.

Bushfires can start anywhere.



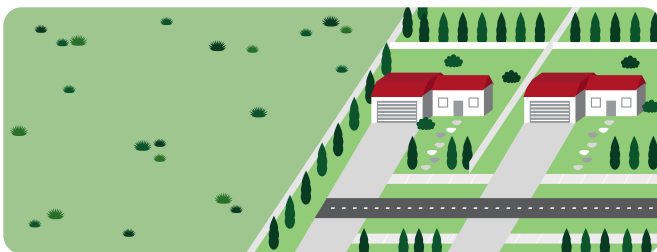
Coastal scrub

Coastal scrub fires can be hot and move fast. If you live near areas of coastal scrub, you're at risk.



Suburbs, parks and reserves

Flames and flying embers can cross roads and impact homes. If you live in the suburbs, near parks or reserves, you're at risk.



Grasslands

Grass fires can start easily and spread quickly. If you live in a house or urban area near grasslands, you're at risk.



Farm and paddocks

Fires can spread quickly over large areas like paddocks. If you live on a farm or near paddocks, you're at risk.



Forrest and bushland

Fires in these areas can be very intense and extremely difficult for emergency services to reach and extinguish. If you live in an area surrounded by or near forest or bushland, your risk is very high.



If you live in any of these environments, bushfire is a real threat to you and those you live with. You will need to prepare your home, property and household in case of a bushfire.

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE IN THE BUSH TO BE AT RISK FROM BUSHFIRES. EMBERS CAN TRAVEL FAR, BRINGING THE FIRE FROM THE BUSH TO YOUR HOME.

Why embers are so dangerous

Embers are pieces of burning bark, leaves or twigs carried away from fires by wind. Embers can travel for kilometres, starting spot fires well ahead of the fire-front, often without warning. Embers can land on and around your home in places like your rooftop air-conditioner, your garden, under eaves, in gutters and on wooden decks. If embers are not extinguished, your house could catch fire.



**5 MINUTE
FIRE
CHAT**

Get prepared

Your best chance of surviving a bushfire is to create a plan of what you'd do if one was to come your way.

Will you **BE SAFE AND LEAVE EARLY** or **BE PREPARED TO STAY AND DEFEND?**

To create your bushfire survival plan and find out more about how to prepare your household and property, visit dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat

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