

# BUSHFIRE WARNINGS: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

ALERT LEVEL	WHEN WILL IT BE ISSUED?	WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
<b>ADVICE</b> <b>Be aware and keep up to date</b> Issued at <b>11am</b> and <b>4pm</b> unless the situation changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When a fire has started but there is no immediate danger</li> <li>There is no known threat to lives and homes</li> <li>The fire is likely to be small and may be causing smoke near homes</li> <li>Firefighters will be able to control the fire</li> </ul>	<b>You need to be aware</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay alert and monitor your surroundings by watching for signs of a bushfire, especially smoke and flames</li> <li>Check the Fire Danger Rating for your area</li> <li>Close all doors and windows</li> <li>Turn off evaporative air conditioners but leave water running through the system if possible</li> <li>Read through your bushfire survival plan. If you do not have one decide what you will do if the situation gets worse</li> </ul>
<b>WATCH AND ACT</b> <b>Put your preparations into action – do not wait and see</b> Issued <b>every two hours</b> unless the situation changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When a fire is approaching and conditions are changing</li> <li>There is a possible threat to lives and homes</li> <li>The fire will be out of control. There may be smoke and embers around your home and roads</li> <li>Firefighters will be working with machines to put in containment lines to stop the fire spreading</li> </ul>	<b>You need to leave or get ready to defend</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put your bushfire survival plan into action</li> <li>If you have decided to leave for a safer place, leave now and take your survival kit with you</li> <li>Leave well before roads are closed and full of smoke</li> <li>If you are not prepared for a bushfire the safest place is to be away from the fire</li> <li>If you plan to stay and actively defend make final preparations now</li> </ul>
<b>EMERGENCY WARNING</b> <b>Take immediate action to survive – you will be impacted by fire</b> Issued <b>every hour</b> unless the situation changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When there is immediate danger and the fire will impact your home</li> <li>There is a threat to lives and homes</li> <li>The fire will be out of control and moving very fast. This is the highest level of warning</li> <li>Firefighters will find it difficult to control the fire and it will take significant firefighting resources and a change in conditions to bring it under control</li> <li>A siren sound called the Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) may be used to get your attention on radio and television</li> </ul>	<b>You need to act immediately to survive</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the way is clear leave immediately for your safer place and take your survival kit with you</li> <li>If you have not prepared your home, it is too late to do it now. Your safest option is to leave for a safer place, if the way is clear</li> <li>Do not relocate at the last minute in a vehicle or on foot as this is deadly, leave immediately if the way is clear</li> <li>If you are unable to leave you need to get ready to take shelter in your home and actively defend it</li> </ul>
<b>ALL CLEAR</b> <b>Take care to avoid any dangers and keep up to date</b> Issued when the threat has passed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the danger has passed and the fire is under control</li> <li>Firefighters will be working to put the last bits of the fire out and make the area safe</li> <li>It may still not be safe to return home. Emergency services will advise when you can go home</li> </ul>	<b>You need to be careful</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain vigilant in case the situation changes</li> <li>When driving in the fire area you should take extreme caution and drive slowly</li> <li>Dangers like smoke, fallen trees and downed power lines may be on roads and emergency services will still be working in the area</li> </ul>