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# Bushfire Info Guide NSW

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# Bushfire



Bushfires happen every year in Australia.

In 2019 there have been **lots** of fires.

The land across NSW is **very dry**.



When it is very dry bushfires can start easily and spread quickly.

Bushfires can put your home in danger **or** your life.



This info guide has information on

- What is a bushfire
- Where bushfires happen
- Fire Ratings
- Emergency fire alerts

# Bushfire



## What is a bushfire

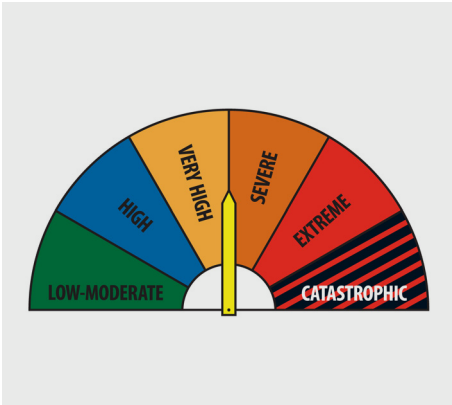
A bushfire is a slow or fast moving fire that burns very hot.



A bushfire could happen near your home if you live near

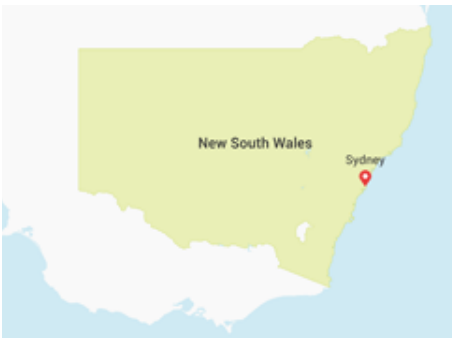
- Bush land
- Bush next to the ocean or
- If you live on the edge of a town or city

# Fire Ratings



Fire ratings tell you what the fire danger is **today**.

They can help you understand what happens if a fire starts.



These fire ratings are used in NSW.

Other States and Territories might have different ratings.



If the fire rating is **low-moderate, high or very high** there is **less** fire danger.

If a bushfire starts it should be easy to control.

You can stay in your house to keep safe.

Listen to local ABC radio or watch TV for information.

# Fire Ratings



If the fire rating level is **severe** the day will be hot.

If a bushfire starts it will be hard to control.

Leaving early is the safe choice.



If the fire rating is **extreme** the weather will be very hot.

If a bushfire starts it will **not** be able to be controlled.

Leaving early is the safe choice.



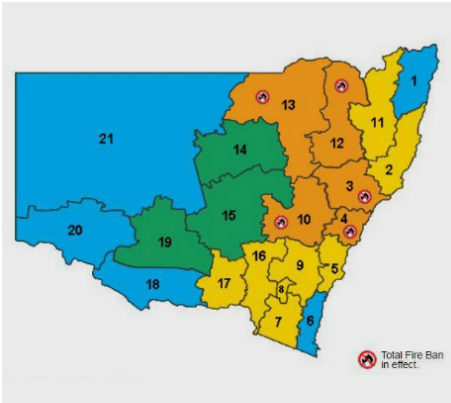
## **Catastrophic**

The day will be very, very hot.

The fire will cause lots of damage.

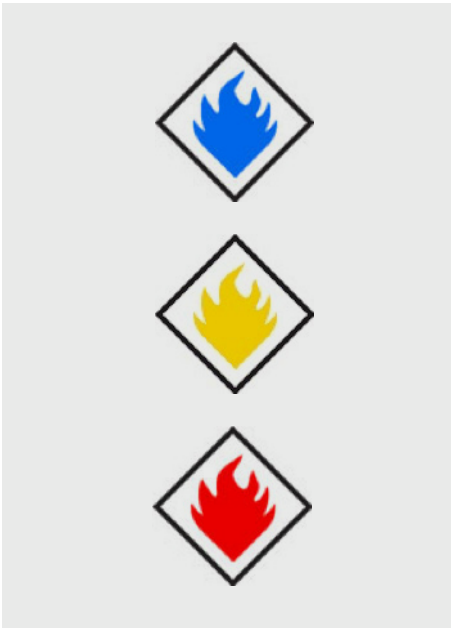
To survive the only option is to leave.

# Fire Alerts



To find out the Fire Rating in your area you can

- Watch the news on TV
- Listen to local ABC radio or
- Check website [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



## Emergency Fire Alerts

When a bushfire starts the Emergency Fire Services will put out an alert.

An alert tells you if it is safe to stay at home or if you need to leave.

Emergency Alerts are on the radio or television.



You may get an Emergency Alert by text.

You can see the Alerts on the NSW Rural Fire Service website. [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

# Fire Alerts



## 1. Advice

The **advice** alert is blue. It means a fire has started.

There is no danger yet.

Stay up to date in case the fire becomes dangerous.



## 2. Watch And Act

The **watch and act** alert is yellow. It means a dangerous fire has started.

Listen to local radio or check the Rural Fire Service website.

You need to take action to keep yourself safe.



## 3. Emergency Warning

An **emergency warning** alert is red. It means there is a very dangerous fire.

You could be in danger and need to take action straight away.

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To stay up to date on bushfires in your area

- Check the NSW Rural Fire Service website [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- Listen to your local radio station
- Call the Bush Fire Information Line on **1800 679 737**.

If in an emergency call **000**.



Contact CID for more information.

Call **1800 424 065** or  
email [info@cid.org.au](mailto:info@cid.org.au)