

# FIRE DANGER RATINGS HAVE CHANGED

## KNOWING THE FIRE DANGER RATING MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

Fire Danger Ratings are now simpler and easier to understand. By using the latest science and technology, they provide a more clear and accurate rating to save properties and lives.

The Fire Danger Ratings give you an indication of the consequences of a fire, if a fire was to start.

**The higher the rating is, the more dangerous the conditions will be.**



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Fire Danger Ratings have four levels, which are:

### MODERATE

#### Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled.

- › Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

### HIGH

#### Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous.

- › There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.
- › Decide what you will do if a fire starts.
- › If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.

### EXTREME

#### Take action now to protect your life and property.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.

- › These are dangerous fire conditions.
- › Check your bush fire plan and that your property is fire ready.
- › If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.
- › Reconsider travel through bush fire risk areas.

### CATASTROPHIC

#### For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas.

If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

- › These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.
- › Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.
- › Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.
- › Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.

**NO RATING:** On days when there's minimal risk, the white bar meaning 'No Rating' will be used. Report any fires to 000.

# UNDERSTANDING FIRE DANGER RATINGS



Fire Danger Ratings describe the consequences of a fire if one was to start. They do not indicate the chance of a fire occurring, although this is a common misconception.



Fire Danger Ratings are declared for a Fire Area. These are based on local government areas.



Ratings are calculated using a combination of weather forecasting and information about vegetation that could fuel a fire.



During harvesting season, Harvest Safety Alerts may be issued for areas at High and above.



Total Fire Bans will typically apply at Extreme and above.



When the fire danger reaches High, permits may be suspended. Check any conditions on your fire permit.



You can use the Fire Danger Ratings as a trigger for action in your bush fire survival plan.

