

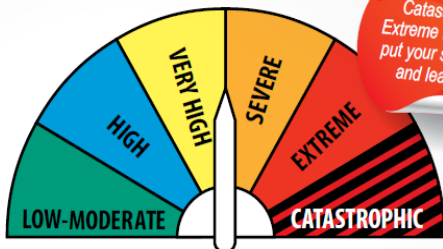


# Fire Danger Ratings

## WHAT DO THEY MEAN FOR YOU?

### Knowing what they mean could save your life

- ☐ If you live or travel through an area where a bush fire can start you need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is and what it means so you can make the safest decision.
- ☐ The Fire Danger Rating is the indication of the consequences of a bush fire if a bush fire was to start.
- ☐ The higher the Fire Danger Rating the more dangerous the conditions and the more likely that people will be injured or die if a bush fire occurs.
- ☐ When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic for your area, any fires that start will be extremely hard for fire authorities to control. Even a well prepared, well constructed and actively defended home may not survive.
- ☐ If Catastrophic conditions are expected the best option is to leave early the day or hours before a fire threatens.
- ☐ Keep informed - check the Fire Danger Rating for your area at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- ☐ PREPARE your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Know your trigger points and download a plan from [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



On days of  
Catastrophic or  
Extreme Fire Danger  
put your survival first  
and leave early.

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
CATASTROPHIC	For your survival, leaving early is the only option. Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens. Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return. Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.
EXTREME	Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day. Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.
SEVERE	Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.
VERY HIGH	Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan with your family. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.
HIGH	
LOW MODERATE	



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# BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PLAN – PARENTS GUIDE



## STUDENTS HAVE GONE TO SCHOOL

## FIRE RATING PROCEDURES

FIRE IN THE AREA	IMMEDIATE EMBER ATTACK	SEVERE	EXTREME	CATASTROPHIC
		OR HEAVY SMOKE AFFECTED		
Bushfire signal initiated	Lockdown signal initiated	SCHOOL STILL OPERATES Unless conditions make it impossible		SCHOOL TEMPORARILY CEASES OPERATION OR RELOCATES
Notice on school website and notification through eNews and SMS message 	Notice on school website and notification through eNews and SMS message 	Parents notified the day before if possible by eNews and SMS and info posted on school website.		Parents notified the day before if possible by eNews and SMS with info also on school website. Check local radio, RFS website, Twitter & Facebook
"Students safe in the hall – don't come to school"	"Students locked down & safe – stay where, YOU are safe, don't come to school"	Students with an Asthma Plan should stay at home.		Students will stay at home or be directed to another school
School relocates to the hall to wait for the all clear from RFS or Emergency Services	Students, staff & visitors shelter in rooms until all clear from RFS or Emergency Services	No outdoor activities		DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
Do not come to school to get your child		Students should bring extra water in drink bottles to school		All excursions will be cancelled or postponed
Check the school news blog, SMS messages – about collection of students – time, place and method	Check the school news blog, SMS messages – about collection of students – time, place and method	Excursions to bushland or isolated locations will be cancelled		Students away on excursions will not return to school but will be billeted at a local school until the rating is lifted
STAY CALM - KEEP YOURSELF SAFE		Monitor school news blog, local radio and RFS website for updates		Parents will be advised when students may return to school by – eNews, local radio and SMS

➡ **Activate your family's Bushfire Survival Plan**