



IN TIMES OF BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY



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Bushfire Warnings

All Queenslanders should be familiar with the official Bushfire Warning system. When there's a bushfire in your area, it's up to you to take notice, seek information, make decisions and act.



ADVICE

THERE'S NO IMMEDIATE DANGER BUT YOU NEED TO STAY INFORMED IN CASE THE SITUATION CHANGES.



What to do

- Stay informed by following QFES on social media, listening to local radio and checking the QFES current bushfires map.
- If there's significant smoke, follow health guidance and monitor air quality.
- Stay indoors, close windows and doors, and keep medications close by.
- Refer to your bushfire survival plan.
- Avoid driving through smoke and be aware of firefighters working in the area.
- Decide what you will do if the situation changes.
- Call Triple Zero (000) if your life or property is under threat.



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THERE'S A HEIGHTENED LEVEL OF THREAT AND CONDITIONS ARE CHANGING. ACT NOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.



What to do

You'll be instructed to 'prepare to leave', or where people in the area have previously been evacuated and it's safe to return, you will be asked to 'monitor conditions', as the situation could change.

- Decide where you and other members of your home (including pets) will go if you need to leave. Plan how you will get there and advise family and friends of your plans.
- Pack essential items such as important documents, food and water, medications, and protective clothing.
- Stay hydrated.
- Move flammable items away from your house.
- Fill containers with water for drinking and firefighting.
- Help others prepare for the fire.
- Stay informed by following QFES on social media, listening to local radio and checking the QFES current bushfires map.
- Refer to your bushfire survival plan.
- Avoid smoke – stay indoors, close windows and doors, and avoid driving through smoke.
- Be aware of firefighters working in the area.
- Call Triple Zero (000) if your life or property is under threat.



EMERGENCY WARNING

YOU'RE IN DANGER AND NEED TO TAKE LIFE-SAVING ACTION IMMEDIATELY.



What to do

The direction will be to 'leave immediately' OR 'seek shelter immediately', depending on the situation.

- If you're leaving immediately, consider staying with friends or family. Follow your bushfire survival plan.
- Wear protective clothing and stay hydrated.
- Take vital medications with you.
- Check for road closures on 13 90 40 and let others know of your intended travel route.
- Stay informed by following QFES on social media, listening to local radio and checking the QFES current bushfires map.
- Do not expect a firefighter at your door.
- If you can't leave safely:
 - Identify a place to shelter, preferably inside a brick building.
 - Close windows and doors.
 - Move flammable items away from your house.
 - Fill containers with water for drinking and firefighting.
 - Bring pets inside.
- Call Triple Zero (000) if your life or property is under threat.

Fire Danger Ratings

The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) is an early indicator of potential danger and should act as your first trigger for action.

The higher the rating, the greater the need for you to act.

The FDR is an assessment of the potential fire behaviour, the difficulty of suppressing a fire and the potential impact on the community should a bushfire occur on a given day.

Low-moderate



- A fire with a 'low to moderate' rating can be easily controlled and pose little or no risk to life or property.
- During a fire with a 'low to moderate' rating, you should know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes.

High



- A fire with a 'high' danger rating is a fire that can be controlled, where loss of life is unlikely and damage to property will be limited.
- During a fire with a 'high' danger rating, you should know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes.

Very high



- A fire with a 'very high' danger rating is a fire that can be difficult to control, with flames that may burn into the tree tops. During a fire of this type, some homes and businesses may be damaged or destroyed.
- During a fire with a 'very high' danger rating, you should use your home as a place of safety only if it is well-prepared and well-constructed.

Severe



- A fire with a 'severe' rating may be uncontrollable and move quickly, with flames that may be higher than roof tops. A 'severe' fire may cause injuries and some homes or businesses may be destroyed.
- During a fire with a 'severe' rating, leaving is the safest option for your survival. Use your home as a place of safety only if it is well-prepared and well-constructed.

Extreme



- A fire with an 'extreme' rating may be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. The flames will be higher than roof tops. During an 'extreme' fire, people may be injured and homes and businesses may be destroyed.
- During an 'extreme' fire, well-prepared and well-constructed homes may not be safe. Leaving is the only option for your survival.

Catastrophic



- A fire with a rating of 'catastrophic' may be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. The flames will be higher than roof tops. Many people may be injured and many homes and businesses may be destroyed.
- During a 'catastrophic' fire, well-prepared and well-constructed homes will not be safe. Leaving is the only option for your survival.