

PHN presentation

Bushfire scenario

Tuesday 11:00am

With temperatures soaring over the past week, plus a rise in winds and a significant drop in humidity levels, most National Parks have been closed to bush walkers and campers. Media outlets are reporting that the NSW RFS and other fire agencies have responded to and contained several small bush fires in remote areas. The Bureau of Meteorology is advising that the combination of dry fuels, continuing hot conditions and no rain has drastically increased Fire Danger Ratings across the state. Today's Fire Danger Rating is Extreme and it is a Total Fire Ban.

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NSW RFS EMERGENCY BUSH FIRE WARNING - There is a bush fire in the [location] area burning towards [location].

If you are in //LOCATION(S)//. You are in danger. LEAVE NOW if the path is clear to //SAFEPLACE//. Do not delay. Act now. Conditions may get worse quickly. Leaving at the last minute is deadly.

Stay up to date. Check www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 679 737

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Change as a risk assessment

Current Fire Danger Rating		Time to impact			
		< 2 hours	2-6 hours	6-24 hours	24+ hours
CATASTROPHIC	100+	EW	EW	WA	A
EXTREME	50-99	EW	EW	WA	A
HIGH	24-49	WA	WA	A	A
MODERATE	12-23	WA	A	A	A
NO RATING	0-11	A	A	A	A

ADD FIRE DANGER RATINGS AND LEVELS

- INC SCREEN SHOT FROM SITE ON WHERE TO LOOK

Add how to find if you are in bush fire prone land

- And how to make an informed risk

Trigger examples

- Severe Fire Danger Rating
 - Staff reminded of their responsibilities
 - Monitor RFS social media/local radio during the day
 - Check Fires Near Me at 12:30pm and 2:30pm
 - Staff to keep a general look out for any signs of fire in the vicinity

Trigger examples

- Extreme Fire Danger Rating
 - Bush fire preparation activities are priority of staff
 - Plan to be discussed with all staff
 - Hoses, taps and other equipment to be set up by 11
 - Monitor RFS social media/local radio during the day
 - Check Fires Near Me at 11:00, 12:30pm and 2:30pm
 - Staff to keep a general look out for any signs of fire in the vicinity

Protection from bush fire smoke

- Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns
- Retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Remove washing from clotheslines
- Ensure pets have a protected area
- Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
- Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice
- For health information relating to smoke from bush fires and hazard reduction burning, [visit the NSW Health website](#) or [Asthma Australia](#)