

Tourism Business

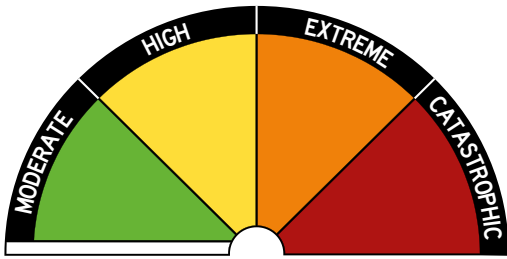
Bushfire Plan



cfa.vic.gov.au



Know your daily fire danger rating



The Fire Danger Rating predicts fire behaviour (should a fire start) and how dangerous it would be to put out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. Fire Danger Ratings feature in weather forecasts during the fire season.

To check your district’s daily Fire Danger Rating, visit cfa.vic.gov.au or call **1800 226 226**.

	What does it mean?	What should I do?
CATASTROPHIC	<p>If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. 	<p>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire. ▶ For your survival, do not be in bushfire risk areas. ▶ 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.
EXTREME	<p>Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ These are dangerous fire conditions. ▶ Expect hot, dry and windy conditions. 	<p>Take action now to protect your life and property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check your bushfire plan and that your property is fire ready ▶ If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts. ▶ Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas. ▶ Leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.
HIGH	<p>Fires can be dangerous.</p>	<p>Be ready to act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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 bushfire risk areas.
MODERATE	<p>Most fires can be controlled.</p>	<p>Plan and prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

Monitor conditions and official sources for warnings by going to cfa.vic.gov.au, emergency.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Bushfire plan: Fire Danger Rating

Our Fire Weather District:



What is the Fire Danger Rating for today:
www.cfa.vic.gov.au/fdr

What actions can you do at your business to help you and your visitors at each rating level.





Fill in the sections below, print and display in your office/business.

	What action will be done?	Who is responsible?
NO RATING		
MODERATE Plan and Prepare		
HIGH Be ready to act		
EXTREME Take action now		
CATASTROPHIC Leave bushfire risk areas		








Understanding warnings

Warnings will be issued when an emergency is likely to impact you. They provide you with information on what is happening and the best advice on what you should do. Warning levels are based on severity, conditions and the likelihood that the emergency could impact on the community, so the first warning issued could be an Emergency Warning - the highest level.

Do not rely on an official warning to leave. Emergencies can start quickly and threaten you within minutes.

	What does it mean?	What should I do?
Advice 	An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area.	Access information and monitor conditions.
Watch and Act 	An emergency is developing nearby.	You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.
Emergency Warning 	You will be impacted.	You are in imminent danger and need to take action now.
Prepare to Evacuate/ Evacuate Immediately 	An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.	When an evacuation is in place, follow the instructions contained in the warning message.

Where to find warnings and updates

 Listen to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations and watch Sky News TV.	 VicEmergency website: VicEmergency app or emergency.vic.gov.au
 Social Media outlets: Twitter @CFA_Updates and facebook.com/cfavic	 1800 226 226 The VicEmergency Hotline is a freecall.
 1800 555 677 Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can contact VicEmergency via the National Relay Service on this number.	 131 450 If you do not speak English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service for translated information from VicEmergency. If you know someone who cannot speak English, give them this number.
IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES  You may receive an SMS to your mobile phone.	 You may receive a call to your landline phone.

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Are there any warnings in our area today:
www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Always follow the advice of warnings immediately. Stay informed. Keep listening for more information in case the situation changes.

What other actions can you do at your business to help you and your visitors when a warning is issued. Fill in the sections below, print and display in your office/business.

	What action will be done?	Who is responsible?
Advice		
Watch and Act		
Emergency Warning		
Evacuation		

Local emergency contacts	
In an emergency	Call 000
Emergency Radio Station	
Visitor Information Centre	
Local Council	
Parks Victoria	www.parks.vic.gov.au Call 13 19 93
Local Tourism Association	

Bushfire plan actions

Before summer

Plan what actions you will do and when. For example you might complete the actions below on a particular day, week or month before summer.

Property maintenance	To be completed	Done
Clear leaves from gutters		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut grass to less than 10cm		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean up around the property		<input type="checkbox"/>
Move wood piles away from buildings		<input type="checkbox"/>
Prune trees and shrubs		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

Staff preparation	To be completed	Done
Communicate the bushfire plan to all staff		<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff to complete Bushfire Safety for Workers training. Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/workers to access		<input type="checkbox"/>
VicEmergency App – download and create watch zones		<input type="checkbox"/>
Review and update bushfire plan		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

More actions	To be completed	Done
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

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During summer

Some actions you need to do regularly during summer. Include these actions below into your business's regular daily, weekly, fortnightly or monthly tasks.

Regular maintenance	To be completed
Fire Danger Rating Signage	Daily
Cleaning up vegetation around the property	

Staff preparation	To be completed
Bushfire plan tested	
Conduct regular bushfire plan briefings with all staff (discuss roles and responsibilities)	

Equipment checks to be conducted if relevant to your business location	To be completed
Generator	
Pumps	
Hoses	
Communications eg radios	

More actions	To be completed

If you need assistance completing this document or have any questions, you can visit cfa.vic.gov.au/tourism or tourism.vic.gov.au for more information.

