

## Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)

Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one started. The higher the rating the more dangerous the conditions. Fire Danger Ratings feature in weather forecasts during the fire season.

When there is a fire within AABDS’s service regions, the organisation will:

- Monitor conditions and official sources for warnings.
- If a fire starts nearby, enact the Disaster Management Plan.
- Do not wait for a warning.
- Adhere to local regulations governing fire activity.
- Refer to the ‘Know your fire danger rating’ table below for details and advice on what actions should be taken.

### Know your fire danger rating

Fire danger rating	<b>MODERATE</b> Plan and prepare	<b>HIGH</b> Be ready to act	<b>EXTREME</b> Take action now to protect your life and property	<b>CATASTROPHIC</b> For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas
<b>Fire behaviour</b>	Most fires can be controlled.	Fires can be dangerous.	Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.	If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.</li> <li>• Decide what you will do if a fire starts.</li> <li>• If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bushfire risk areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are dangerous fire conditions.</li> <li>• Check your bushfire plan and that your property is fire ready.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.</li> <li>• Your life may depend on the decisions on you make, even before there is a fire.</li> <li>• For your survival, do not be in bushfire risk areas.</li> <li>• Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.</li> <li>• If a fire starts and takes hold, lives and properties are likely to be lost.</li> <li>• Homes cannot withstand fires in</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expect hot, dry, and windy conditions.</li> <li>• Leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.</li> </ul>	<p>these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available</p>
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