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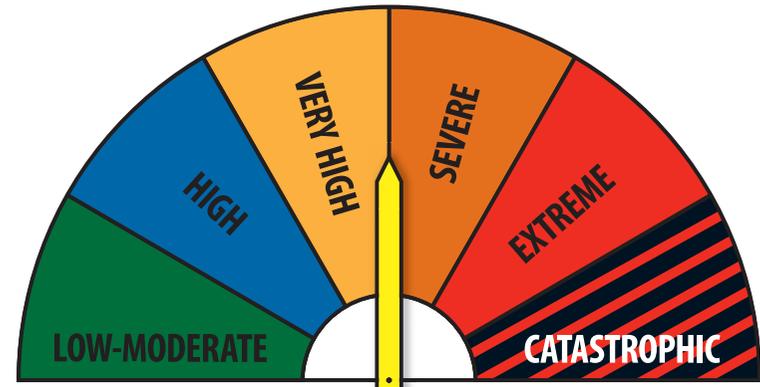


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FIRE DANGER RATING TODAY



TOTAL FIRE BAN – NO FIRES

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

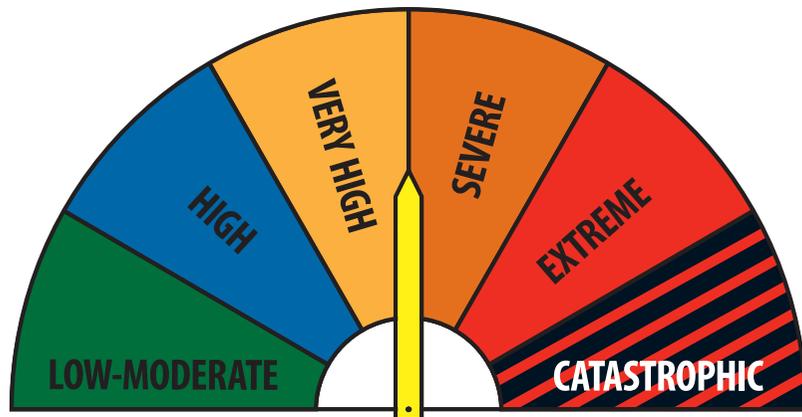


Fire Danger Rating

The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) is an assessment of the potential fire behaviour, the difficulty of suppressing a fire, and the potential impact on the community should a bush fire occur on a given day.

The FDR is determined by the Fire Danger Index (FDI). The FDI is a combination of air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

An FDI of 1 (Low-Moderate) means that fire will not burn, or will burn so slowly that it will be easily controlled, whereas an FDI in excess of 100 (Catastrophic) means that fire will burn so fast and so hot that it is uncontrollable.



When a Fire Danger Rating is advised, you need to take it seriously and be prepared to act.

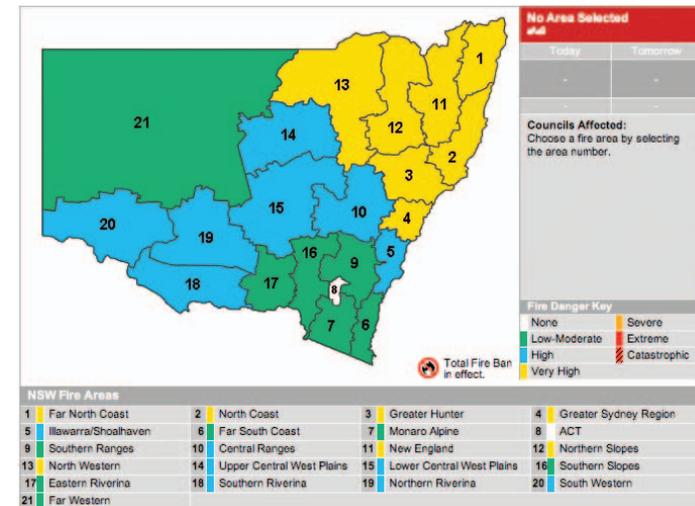
Your survival may depend on it.

Do you have adequate home and contents **insurance** should the unthinkable happen?

Total Fire Ban

The RFS may declare a Total Fire Ban for days of increased fire danger, based on advice from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

For more information go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or www.bom.gov.au. Alternatively you can contact the local RFS Fire Control Centre or NSW Fire Brigades station.



Rules During Total Fire Bans

No fire may be lit in the open and all Fire Permits are immediately suspended. This includes the use of incinerators and solid fuel barbecues.

You may use a gas or electric barbecue, but only if:

- It is on a residential property within 20 metres of the house **or**
- It is a permanent fixture within a picnic area managed by Council National Parks or Forests NSW

and

- It is under the direct control of a responsible adult
- There is a clear area for 2 metres around the barbecue
- You have an immediate and continuous supply of water

Penalties for lighting a fire on a day of Total Fire Ban include a maximum fine of \$100,000 and 14 years imprisonment.

Fire Danger Rating	Fire Danger Index	Potential Fire Behaviour	Impact Potential	Your Action	FDR
CATASTROPHIC	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires will likely be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with highly aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings. Thousands of embers will be violently blown into and around homes causing other fires to start and spread quickly up to 20km ahead of the main fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire can threaten suddenly, without warning and be incredibly hot and windy making it difficult to see, hear and breathe as the fire approaches. People in the path of the fire will almost certainly die, or be injured and significant numbers of homes and businesses destroyed or damaged. Even well prepared and constructed homes will not be safe. Expect power, water and phone networks to fail as severe winds bring down trees, power lines and blow roofs off buildings well ahead of the fire. In the event of a fire, firefighting resources will be stretched to their limit and will not be available to help all properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your survival is the primary consideration in any decision. The safest option is for you and your family to leave early, hours or the day before a fire occurs. Under no circumstances will it be safe to Stay and Defend. Ensure you stay well informed of current fire activity by monitoring local media and regularly checking for updates on the RFS website or Information Line. 	CATASTROPHIC
EXTREME	99 75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires will likely be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving with flames in the tree tops, and higher than roof tops. Thousands of embers will be blown around and into homes causing other fires to start and spread quickly up to 6km ahead of the main fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire can threaten suddenly, without warning and it will be very hot and windy making it difficult to see, hear and breathe as the fire approaches. There is a likelihood that people in the path of the fire will die, or be injured and many homes and businesses destroyed or damaged. Only very well prepared, constructed and actively defended homes are likely to offer any degree of safety. Power, water and phone networks are likely to fail as strong winds will bring down trees, power lines and blow roofs off buildings well ahead of the fire. In the event of a fire, firefighting resources will be stretched and are highly unlikely to be available to help all properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your survival is the primary consideration in any decision. Leaving early (hours before) will always be the safest option for you and your family. If your Bush Fire Survival Plan includes the decision to Stay and Defend, only do so if your home is well prepared, specifically designed and constructed for bush fire and you are currently capable of actively defending it. Stay well informed of current fire activity by monitoring local media and regularly checking for updates on the RFS website or Information Line. 	EXTREME
SEVERE	74 50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires will likely be uncontrollable and fast moving with flames that may be higher than roof tops. Expect embers to be blown around and into homes causing other fires to start and spread up to 4km ahead of the main fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire can threaten suddenly, without warning and be very hot and windy which will make it increasingly difficult to see, hear and breathe as the fire approaches. There is a chance lives may be lost and people injured and expect that some homes and businesses will be destroyed or damaged. Well prepared, constructed and actively defended homes are likely to offer safety during a fire. Power, water and phone networks may fail. In the event of a fire, firefighting resources are unlikely to be available to help all properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your survival is the primary consideration in any decision. Leaving early (hours before) is the safest option for you and your family. Follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan. If your Bush Fire Survival Plan includes the decision to Stay and Defend, only do so if your home is well prepared, and you are currently capable of actively defending it. Stay informed of current fire activity by monitoring local media and regularly checking for updates on the RFS website or Information Line. 	SEVERE
VERY HIGH	49 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires can be difficult to control and present a very real threat. Embers may be blown around homes causing other fires to occur up to 2km ahead of the main fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire can threaten suddenly, without warning and it may be hot and windy and it may become difficult to see, hear and breathe as the fire approaches. Loss of life or injury is unlikely though some homes and businesses may be damaged or destroyed. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can offer safety during a fire. Power, water and phone networks may fail. In the event of a fire, firefighting resources may not be available to help all properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your survival is the primary consideration in any decision. Be prepared to implement your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Stay informed of current fire activity by monitoring local media and regularly checking for updates on the RFS website or Information Line. 	VERY HIGH
HIGH	24 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires can be controlled but still present a threat. Embers may be blown ahead of the fire and around homes causing other fires to occur close to the main fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire may threaten suddenly and without warning. Loss of life is highly unlikely and damage to homes and businesses limited. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can offer safety during a fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure your family, home and property is well prepared for the risk of bush fire. Review and practice your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Monitor local media for fire activity and regularly check the RFS website or Information Line. 	HIGH
LOW / MODERATE	11 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires can be easily controlled but can still present a threat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little or no risk to life or homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure your family, home and property is well prepared for the risk of bush fire. Review and practise your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Refer to the RFS website or Information Line for changes in fire activity. 	LOW / MODERATE