

# Know YOUR bushfire risk. Make a plan.



## Know where to get Bushfire Information

Call **1800 000 699** to report a fire, or to register your burn or for bushfire information

In an emergency call triple zero **000** to report a fire

Keep up to date on warnings and alerts: [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au)

Tune into **ABC Local Radio**

EAST COAST	WEST COAST	NORTH/NORTH EAST	NORTH WEST
Bicheno 89.7 FM	Savage River/Waratah 104.1 FM	Launceston 102.7 FM	Devonport 100.5 FM
Fingal 116.1 AM	Strahan 107.5 FM	Lileah 91.3 FM	Burnie 102.5 FM
Orford 90.5 AM	Queenstown/Zeehan 90.5 FM	NE Tasmania 91.7 FM	King Island 88.5 FM
St Helens 158.4 AM	Rosebery 106.3 FM	Weldorrough 97.3 FM	Lileah 91.3 FM
Swansea 106.1 FM	Waratah 103.3 FM		<b>SOUTHERN</b>
St Marys 102.7 FM			Hobart 936 AM/ DAB ABC Radio Hobart
			Maydena 936 AM/89.7 FM

## Prepare your Bushfire Survival Plan

If you live in or near the bush, you should **prepare your home** for bushfire, and make a plan for what you will do if there is a bushfire nearby - **leave early** or **stay and defend**. Leaving early is always the safest option.

Writing and practicing a bushfire survival plan will help you think through what you will do, give you something to refer to and can help control fear and anxiety if a bushfire breaks out nearby.

For more information and to create your 5 Minute Bushfire Plan go to [bushfire.tas.gov.au](http://bushfire.tas.gov.au)

**Prepare your home:** Your home is more likely to survive a bushfire if you have prepared it properly. To prepare your home you will need to:

- Create a defensible space
- Provide access for firefighters
- Ember-proof your home
- Provide water for firefighting

**Leaving Early:** You should prepare your home for bushfire even if you plan to leave early. Things to consider if you plan to leave early:

- Is your property prepared?
- How will you get there?
- Where is your Nearby Safer Place?
- When will you leave?
- What will you take?
- Do you have a back-up plan?
- Where will you go?

**Stay and Defend:** Things to consider if you plan to stay and defend:

- Is your property prepared?
- What will you do:
  - as the fire approaches?
  - when the fire arrives?
  - once the fire has passed?
- How will you keep yourself safe?
- Are you physically fit & emotionally prepared?
- Do you have a back-up plan?
- Do you have firefighting equipment?
- Where is your Nearby Safer Place?

Remember leaving early is always the safest option.



Tasmania Fire Service






**PREPARE • ACT • SURVIVE**

# Build your Situational Awareness

**Understand Fire Danger Ratings:** The Fire Danger Rating warns of the potential impact of a bushfire on any given day based on forecast weather conditions. High temperature, low humidity and winds contribute to increased fire danger. Be aware of the forecast Fire Danger Rating each day during summer, and remain alert to the potential for bushfires to break out suddenly and spread rapidly.

<b>CATASTROPHIC FDR 100+</b>	<p><b>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival – regardless of any plan to stay and defend.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most fires will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.</li> <li>• Flames will be higher than roof tops.</li> <li>• Spot fires can start up to 20 km ahead of the fire.</li> </ul>
<b>EXTREME FDR 75-99</b>	<p><b>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Only well-prepared, well constructed and actively defended houses are likely to offer safety during a fire.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some fires will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.</li> <li>• Flames will be higher than roof tops.</li> <li>• Spot fires can start up to 6 km ahead of the fire.</li> </ul>
<b>SEVERE FDR 50-74</b>	<p><b>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some fires will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving.</li> <li>• Flames may be higher than roof tops.</li> <li>• Spot fires can start up to 4 km ahead of the fire.</li> </ul>
<b>VERY HIGH FDR 25-49</b>	<p><b>Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some fires can be difficult to control.</li> <li>• Flames may burn into the tree tops.</li> <li>• Spot fires can start up to 2 km ahead of the fire.</li> </ul>
<b>HIGH FDR 12-24</b>	<p><b>Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires can be controlled.</li> <li>• Spot fires can occur close to the main fire.</li> </ul>
<b>LOW-MODERATE FDR 0-11</b>	<p><b>Know where to get more information and monitor the situation for any changes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fires can be controlled easily.</li> </ul>

**Understand bushfire warnings and alerts:** Tasmania Fire Service issues official warnings and alerts based on the level of risk posed by a bushfire. To help people make the right safety choices, warnings and alerts are published on [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au) and ABC Local Radio. Remember fires can break out suddenly. There may be no time for official warnings. You will need to use your own judgement.

	<b>EMERGENCY WARNING</b> - An Emergency Warning is the highest level of bushfire alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.
	<b>WATCH AND ACT</b> - A bushfire is approaching and conditions are changing. Individuals, households and communities need to monitor their development and start taking action to ensure safety should the threat escalate.
	<b>ADVICE</b> - A bushfire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.
	<b>SMOKE ALERT</b> - Provides information about smoke from a bushfire or fuel reduction burn which may impact a community or areas of Tasmania.
	<b>NO ALERT LEVEL</b> - An emergency incident has occurred – there is no immediate danger to the general public.

For more information visit [fire.tas.gov.au/brn](http://fire.tas.gov.au/brn)  
for TFS fire safety publications.  
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