

Australian Fire Danger Ratings have changed

The new Fire Danger Rating System has commenced across Australia as of 1 September 2022.

Fire danger ratings will now be simpler and easier to understand.

By using the latest science and technology, they will provide a more clear and accurate rating to save properties and lives.

The new system is based on eight different vegetation types, which have been mapped across Australia (instead of the current two). These vegetation types include Buttongrass, Forest, Grassland, Mallee heath, Pine, Savanna, Shrubland and Spinifex.

RATINGS AND MESSAGING

MODERATE

PLAN AND PREPARE

Fire Behaviour: Most fires can be controlled.

HIGH

BE READY TO ACT

Fire Behaviour: Fires can be dangerous.

EXTREME

TAKE ACTION NOW

TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY

Fire Behaviour: Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.

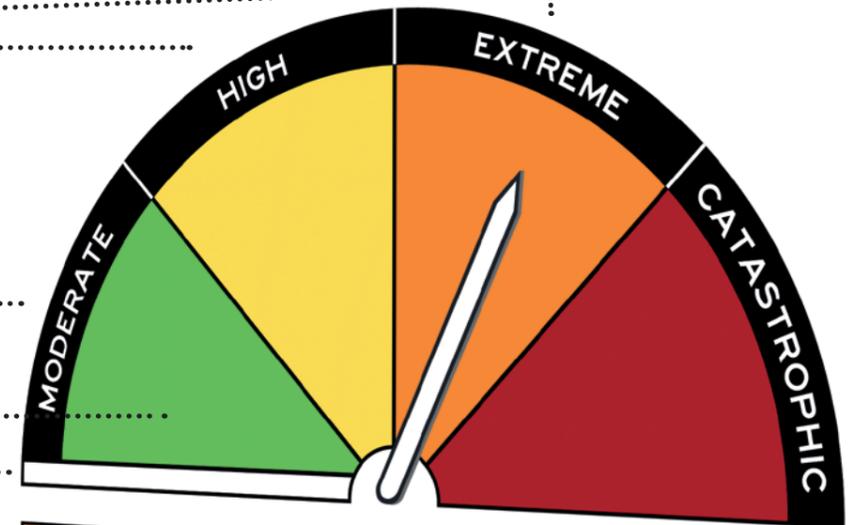
CATASTROPHIC

FOR YOUR SURVIVAL

LEAVE BUSH FIRE RISK AREAS

Fire Behaviour: If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

YOUR FIRE RISK TODAY IS



TAKE ACTION NOW

TOTAL FIRE BAN



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



NSW GOVERNMENT

Total Fire Bans will typically come into effect at Extreme.

Permits will typically be suspended at High.

During harvesting season, Harvest Safety Alerts may be issued for areas at High and above.

The size, location and shade of colour used for the wedges has changed.

Now four ratings and colour levels instead of six.

The white bar at the bottom left is used on days when there is no fire danger rating.

Community messaging on the sign is considered best practice and changes depending on the rating.

FIND OUT MORE

You can monitor the Fire Danger Ratings at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr

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