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Information for Jervis Bay Territory residents

Everyone living near bushland has a part to play in preparing for bush fires.

Prepare now, make a plan and know what you will do if a bush fire threatens.

Know your local bush fire risks

- The Jervis Bay Territory is surrounded by bushland, with more than 90 per cent of the Territory comprising vegetation capable of carrying fire.
- Jervis Bay Road is the only road into and out of the Territory and travels through fire-prone bushland before connecting to the Princes Highway and on to Nowra.
- Decide well ahead of fire season what your personal circumstances are and how you will act in case of fire.
- There is a high risk of power outages during a bush fire.
- Some days may reach Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating. Under these conditions, bush fires can spread rapidly and conditions can deteriorate quickly. Residents should not underestimate how little time may be available between receiving information about a fire and being affected by smoke, embers or fire.

1. HAVE A PLAN

Prepare a **Bush Fire Survival Plan** and discuss it with everyone in your household.

Decide:

- Will you **leave early**, or are you fully prepared to stay and defend your home?
- **When will you leave?** What conditions or warnings will trigger you to act?
- **Where will you go?**
- **What will you take?** Include medications, important documents and supplies for pets.
- **Practise your plan to make sure you know when to leave and have enough time to do so safely.**
- **Plan for times when no one is home or a warning does not reach you.**

Do not leave these decisions until a fire is approaching.

2. PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

Preparing your home and the area around it can help protect it from bush fire.

Finish preparation work **well before a fire threatens**. Check your property regularly throughout the bush fire season.

3. KNOW WHEN TO ACT

Decide now **what conditions or warnings will prompt your household to act**. Do not wait until a fire is approaching to make difficult decisions.

If you intend to leave, **leaving early is the safest option.**

4. STAY INFORMED

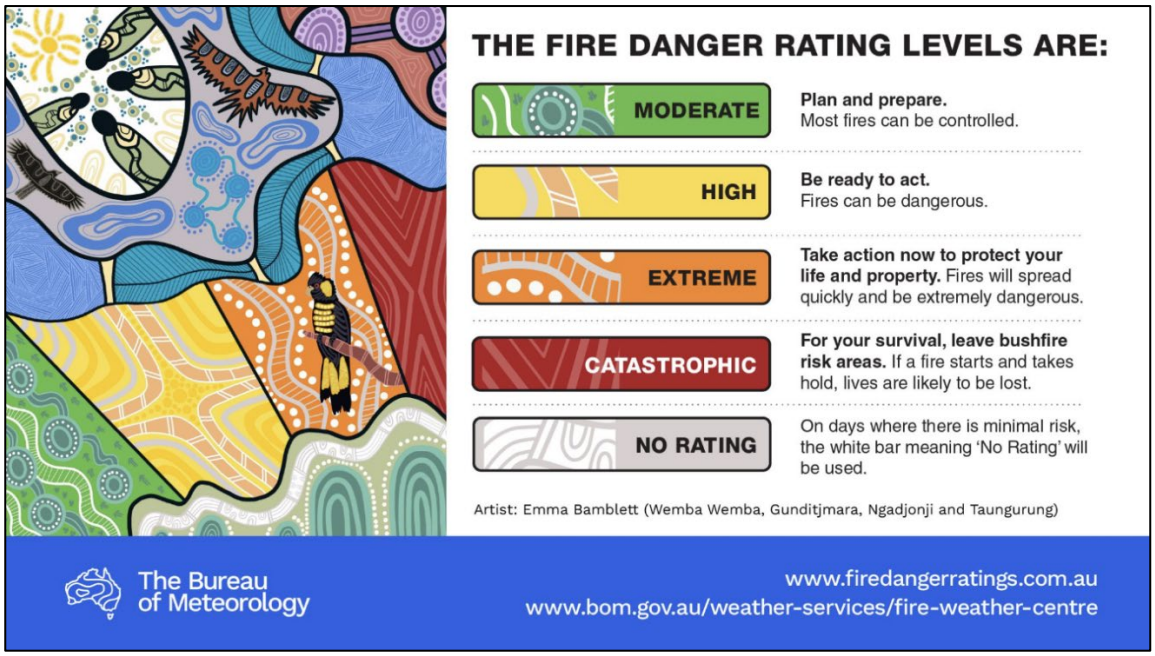
Bush fire conditions can change quickly. During periods of increased fire danger:

- Regularly check official warnings and local conditions. Download the Hazards Near Me app.
- Use more than one source of emergency information, including *ABC radio: 97.3 FM, 90.9 FM or 603 AM.*
- Know the three warning levels: **Advice, Watch and Act, and Emergency Warning.**
- Keep your phone charged and important information easy to find.

5. NO PLAN? START NOW

No Bush Fire Survival Plan yet? Start one today. Talk with everyone in your household about what you would do if a bush fire threatened Jervis Bay Territory.

Know what each fire danger rating means:



NB: Fire behaviour depends on the weather, the shape of the land and how dry and plentiful the vegetation is. Source: NSW Government fire danger ratings.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 679 737
Jervis Bay Territory Operations Office – 02 6136 9000

IN AN EMERGENCY

If life or property is under immediate threat, call Triple Zero (000).

We all have a part to play in bush fire safety. Emergency services and land managers prepare for and respond to bush fires. Every household also needs to prepare their family, home and Bush Fire Survival Plan.