

How to become bushfire ready



Know your risk

If you live near bush or travel through bush you are at risk of bushfires.



Have a plan

Prepare a bushfire survival plan that outlines what you will do if a bushfire occurs and practice it regularly with your family.



Have an emergency kit

Prepare a bushfire survival kit that includes a radio, spare batteries, torch, first aid kit, woollen blankets, non-perishable food and water.



Know your warnings

Know and understand the bushfire advice, watch and act and emergency warning alerts issued by Fire and Emergency Services.



Know your neighbours

Keep in touch with your neighbours during the bushfire season.



Join a local Bushfire Ready group

Bushfire Ready groups are people living within a local area, facing the same bushfire threat and who often have existing social networks already in place.

The groups are run by a Bushfire Ready Facilitator, assisted by Street Coordinators and supported by Fire and Emergency Services personnel.

They meet informally to learn and discuss how to become Bushfire Ready and work together to prepare and protect their families and properties against bushfires.

What is a Bushfire Ready Facilitator?

Bushfire Ready Facilitators are volunteer firefighters and play a key role in coordinating their local communities to work together and undertake activities to reduce the risk of bushfires.

They also work closely with Street Coordinators and provide updates on bushfire information and resources.

What is a Street Coordinator?

A Bushfire Ready Street Coordinator assists their local Bushfire Ready Facilitator by promoting and organising activities within their own street to encourage participation of their neighbours.

Why join your local Bushfire Ready group?

By joining a Bushfire Ready Group you can:

- Learn how to prepare and protect your family and property from bushfire
- Develop a Bushfire Survival Plan
- Learn about bushfire behaviour
- Reduce fire risks around homes, streets and the immediate surrounding bushland in your area
- Reduce the cost that bushfires have on life, property and the environment
- Create opportunities for meeting neighbours to develop support networks that may be needed in a bushfire emergency
- Help raise awareness amongst your neighbours to prepare for bushfires
- Know what to expect from emergency services during a bushfire



How can I get involved in my local Bushfire Ready group?

Bushfire Ready Groups are already operating in a number of areas. To find out if your area has a Bushfire Ready Group or to form a group in your local area contact:

 **9395 9816** – DFES Community Engagement Team

 **CommunityEngagement@dfes.wa.gov.au**

 **www.dfes.wa.gov.au**

Your Bushfire Ready Group Facilitator

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Are you bushfire ready?

Bushfires can start suddenly and without warning. During a major bushfire firefighters will be working to stop the fire, but a fire truck may not be available to defend your home.

We all have a responsibility to reduce the risk to our homes and surrounding areas, and take early action to survive a bushfire.

