

## STEP 3: KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website, on the radio and in the 'Fires Near Me' app.

You need to keep track of the alert level so you know what you should do.



### ADVICE

A fire has started.  
There is no immediate danger.  
Stay up to date in case  
the situation changes.



### WATCH AND ACT

There is a heightened level of threat.  
Conditions are changing and you  
need to start taking action to protect  
you and your family.



### EMERGENCY WARNING

An Emergency Warning is the highest level  
of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger  
and need to take action immediately.  
Any delay now puts your life at risk.

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### FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Before a fire even starts, monitor the Fire Danger Ratings daily at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr). The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous a fire is likely to be. Under catastrophic conditions leaving early is the only safe option.

When it's **SEVERE** you should only stay if your home is well prepared and you're ready to defend it.

At **EXTREME**, only stay if your home is prepared to the very highest level and is specially built to survive a bush fire.

**CATASTROPHIC** is as bad as it gets – no homes are built to withstand a fire in these conditions. Leaving early is your only safe option.

