

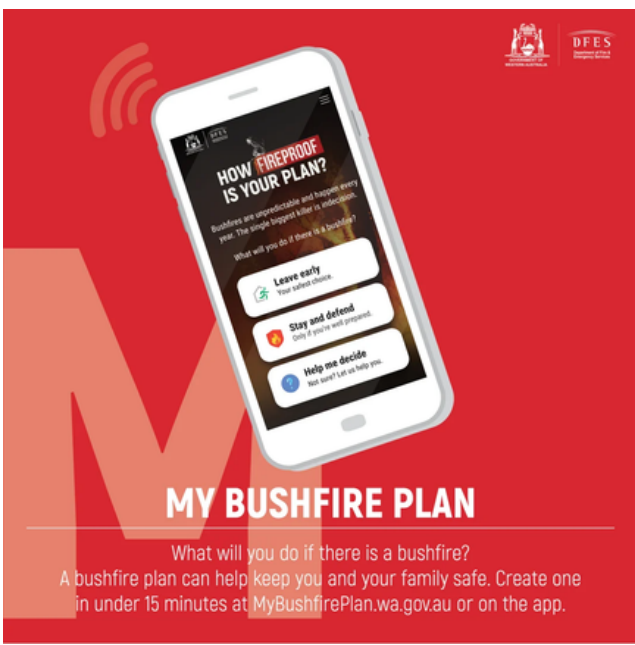


## FEBRUARY 2023: STAY INFORMED THIS SEASON

It has been a busy start to 2023 for DFES, volunteers and other fire agencies around the state, along with this week's total fire ban and extreme fire danger rating for our region, now is the perfect time to share this reminder from DFES.

- If you see smoke or fire, call 000 immediately – don't call your local fire brigade or members as this may delay or complicate the emergency response.
  - On a side note, the Bushfire Ready Facebook page is a great place for mitigation information but it is not used as a bushfire warning system, please visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) for fire information.
- Get familiar with the Emergency WA website ([emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)), find your local ABC radio channel (ours is 684 kHz AM) so you can listen to warnings and alerts on a battery operated radio, talk to your neighbours and exchange phone numbers so you can keep in touch with each other during an emergency, pack an emergency kit if you haven't already done so and review and practice your bushfire plan.
- If you plan to leave early, identify your triggers for when you will leave – don't wait for someone to tell you when to go. Firefighters are too busy fighting the fire and network outages or depleted resources in an emergency mean that you can't rely on a text message or knock at the door telling you to leave – you need to be prepared to make your own decisions for your survival. More information at [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/leave-early/plan](https://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/leave-early/plan)
- If you plan to stay and defend your property, make sure you are extremely well prepared, physically, emotionally and materially, to do so. You can find more information at [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/stay-and-defend](https://www.mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/stay-and-defend)
- Check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared before doing any activity that may cause a fire (for example lawnmowing, slashing, grinding or welding in the open). Even if a Total Fire Ban hasn't been declared, it's sensible to check the weather conditions on any day before undertaking these activities – if it's hot, windy and dry, hold off until the conditions become more favourable. Check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared on the DFES website – [dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban), Emergency WA website ([emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)) or call the DFES Total Fire Ban enquiry line – 1800 709 355
- Monitor daily fire danger ratings via the Emergency WA website ([emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)) so you and your family know your risks and can enact your bushfire plans early.

**STAY INFORMED**



## My Bushfire Plan

DFES has created an easy to use app to help you and your family make a bushfire plan.

Your plan is created by answering a series of prompts and questions. From the answers a bushfire action plan is created to help guide you in the case of a bushfire emergency.

Visit My Bushfire Plan

## Do you host visitors from overseas?

Two of the most valuable bushfire safety fact sheets, 'Fire Danger Warnings and Bushfire Warnings' and 'Know your fire danger rating' have been translated into a range of languages. If you would like to access these fact sheets for your visitors or to place in your holiday homes, please contact Tash on [info@ydbfr.com](mailto:info@ydbfr.com).

### Translated Resources

#### Fact Sheet

**Arabic - العربية**  
**Burmese - မြန်မာ**  
**Farsi - فارسی**  
**French - Français**  
**Italian - Italiano**  
**Karen - ကညီကျိင်**  
**Korean - 한국어**  
**Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ**  
**Simplified Chinese - 简体中文**  
**Swahili - Kiswahili**  
**Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt**

#### Flyer

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