

Preparoo Blue | Action 2

Understand ratings and warnings



Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS)

Describes the level of danger our community could face, should a bushfire start.

Use Fire Danger Ratings to understand and act **before** a bushfire starts.

MODERATE



Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled.

HIGH



Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous and may spread quickly.

EXTREME



TOTAL FIRE BAN

Take action now to protect your life and property.

Fires will spread quickly and be very dangerous.

CATASTROPHIC



TOTAL FIRE BAN

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Fires will be uncontrollable, rapidly moving, and extremely dangerous.

Warnings

Provide information about what to do **during** an incident, such as a bushfire.

Use Warnings to understand what danger you're in, and what you need to do to stay safe.

ADVICE



An incident 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 now to protect you and your family.

EMERGENCY WARNING



This is the highest level of warning.

You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Your task for this week:

This week's action is quite easy: familiarise yourself with Fire Danger Ratings and Warnings. The overview above is a good start.

Also have a look at the CFS website to learn more, and look up what you can and can't do on a Total Fire Bans (TFB) too. See the links and QR codes below.

After reading these resources, think about and discuss with your household members:

- ▶ What will we do if an **Extreme** or **Catastrophic** Fire Danger Rating was declared for tomorrow? What precautions can we take?
- ▶ What will we do if there's a **Watch and Act** warning in our area?
- ▶ Can we use an angle grinder on a **Total Fire Ban (TFB)** day?



Fire Danger Ratings

[View resource](#)

Warnings

[View resource](#)



Total Fire Bans

Find out what you can and cannot do on a Total Fire Ban day.

[View resource](#)

Checklist week 2

- ☐ I learned about Fire Danger Ratings and understand what they mean.
- ☐ I have learned about Warnings and understand the actions I may need to take.
- ☐ I have learned about Total Fire Bans (TFB) and understand what I can/cannot do on those days.