

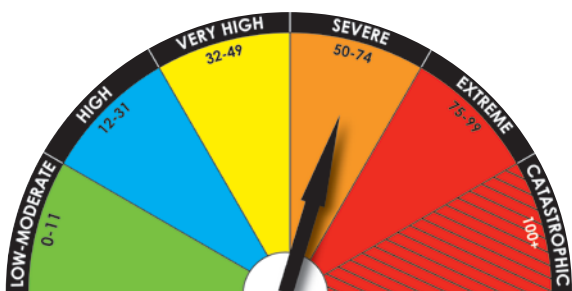
1. Travelling during Bushfire season



In Western Australia bushfires can start without warning and quickly impact your travel route. If you are traveling during bushfire season, to a bushfire risk area, it is important that you prepare yourself and your vehicle in case a bushfire does occur.

Things to do before you travel

- 1. Make sure you have a map of the area you are travelling and are aware of your surroundings.**
- 2. Find out the most up to date Fire Danger Rating for the area you are travelling to.**
Visit the DFES website on www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- 3. Find out if there is a Total Fire Ban for the area.**
- 5. Find out the local ABC radio frequency for the area you are travelling**
In a major emergency, broadcasts will be issued at a quarter to and quarter past the hour.
- 6. Pack a Bushfire Survival Kit**
Include essential items such as an AM/FM radio, spare batteries, first aid kit, drinking water, woollen blankets and protective clothing.
- 7. If you are staying overnight, plan how you will escape a fire.**
Find out what bushfire safety plans are in place where you are camping, caravanning or renting.
- 8. Be prepared to change your travel plans on hot, dry and windy days.**



Fire Danger Rating sign board

Visit DFES website or Total Fire Ban Information Line on 1800 709 355. During a Total Fire Ban, it is illegal to light a fire in open air or undertake any activities that may start a fire.

- 4. Save the DFES Information & Emergency Numbers into your mobile phone.**
To keep up to date with emergency Information call DFES on **1300 657 209**. To report a fire or emergency, call **000**.



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What will you do if you encounter a bushfire while driving?

If you see smoke and flames, you should leave the area immediately by driving away from the fire. Do not wait to see!

What to do:

- If there is a lot of smoke, slow down and be aware. There could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road
- Turn your car headlights on, close windows and outside vents
- If you cannot see clearly, ensure you are not in the path of the fire and pull over to the side of the road
- Keep your headlights and hazard lights on and wait until the smoke clears.

If you become trapped by a fire:

- Stay in your car and turn your engine off
- Park in an area with low or no vegetation on the side of the road furthest from the fire with your vehicle orientated towards the oncoming fire front
- Close the doors, windows and outside vents and do not get out or open windows until the fire front has passed.
- Lie on the floor and cover your body with any available woollen or cotton blankets or cloths.



THE WA BUSHFIRE SEASON

- South West** is 1 November to 31 April
- Goldfields Midland** is 1 November to 31 March
- Midwest Gascoyne** is 1 October to 31 April
- North West (Kimberley and Pilbara)** is 1 June to 31 October depending on the seasonal rainfall

For further information, visit your local Tourism WA Visitor Centre. For information on how to prepare for a bushfire, visit: www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Call 000 to report a fire.



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