

# How do I keep informed?

## ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

[areyouready.wa.gov.au](http://areyouready.wa.gov.au)

Take these four steps to help you keep informed about bushfires and emergencies near you.

### 1 Get connected – connected communities are safer communities

- Join a Bushfire Ready Group to get to know the risk in your local area
- Keep in contact with neighbours, friends and family, especially during high fire-risk days
- Talk to your local brigade or local government about how to prepare for a bushfire

### 3 Monitor official warnings


Sign up ahead of the season to get notified of bushfire warnings on social media or via apps. During an emergency monitor what's happening. You can find bushfire alerts and warnings at:


 [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)


 **13 3337 (13 DFES)**

 [www.twitter.com/dfes\\_wa](http://www.twitter.com/dfes_wa)

 [www.facebook.com/dfeswa](http://www.facebook.com/dfeswa)

 **RSS feeds – subscribe via [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)**

 **ABC local radio or 6PR emergency bulletins**

 **Third party apps such as Emergency AUS, WALGA's LocalEye, DPAW Alerts and National Bushfires**

*Please note that these apps are not provided by DFES and DFES can give no guarantee that they will notify you in an emergency.*

### 2 Stay alert – if you can see or smell a bushfire – that's your warning

Your surroundings could be the best source of information. If you live in, or near bush, you need to stay alert. If there are signs of a bushfire you could be in danger. Act immediately to keep you and your family safe.



### 4 Make sure your phone company has your up to date details.

A telephone warning might be sent to your mobile phone or landline in extreme circumstances. This warning system (Emergency Alert) uses the address held by your phone company.



Keep your address details up to date with your phone company to give yourself the best chance of receiving a warning if one is issued.

#### Understand that no warning system is foolproof.

Remember, fires can happen suddenly and change quickly, so don't rely on receiving a warning. It's your responsibility to stay informed and alert.

Be flexible – get emergency information from multiple sources and never rely on any one source of information.

For more information visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or contact **DFES Media 9225 5955**