

CFS FACT SHEET

BUSHFIRE WATCH & ACT AND EMERGENCY MESSAGES



Fire can threaten suddenly and without warning so you should always be ready to act.

The CFS will provide as much information as possible to help you make an informed decision however you may not always receive an official warning directly.

Monitor the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au and your local ABC Radio station or FIVEaa on a battery powered radio. It is recommended you do not rely on a single source for emergency information.

There are three levels of messages that can be issued during a bushfire on radio and the CFS website. You need to understand the different messages and what they mean for you. These messages will alert you to danger so that you can take action.

However, if you are in a bushfire prone area it is important that you remain vigilant during the summer and do not rely solely on these messages as there is no guarantee you will receive one in time. A bushfire may impact upon you more quickly than CFS is able to respond.

The three levels of messages are:

- **Emergency Warning - *Bushfire Emergency Warning* message.**

An Emergency Warning message is the highest level of message. The message tells you that you will be impacted by fire and you need to take action immediately. This message will be preceded by an emergency warning signal (a siren sound) to get your attention. The message will also contain information about the severity of the fire, time to impact and what you should do.

- **Watch and Act - *Bushfire Watch and Act* message.**

A Watch and Act message alerts you that a fire is approaching, conditions are changing, and that your life may come under threat. You need to act now to prepare for the approaching fire front and protect yourself and your family.

- **Advice - *Bushfire Advice* message.**

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. This is general information to keep you up to date with developments. A fire may pose no threat to life or property because:

- It is a small, controllable fire
- It is a fuel reduction burn being conducted by fire agencies
- It is a fire burning in a remote area away from people, homes or structures.

You should take all of these messages seriously and consider the information carefully.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the SA Country Fire Service

For more information about preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan, about bushfire safety or current incidents visit the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

For more information during a bushfire or for further advice call the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline on **1300 362 361**.



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