

UC CAMPING BUSHFIRE PROTOCOLS

Fire Danger Rating System & UC Camping Response Protocols

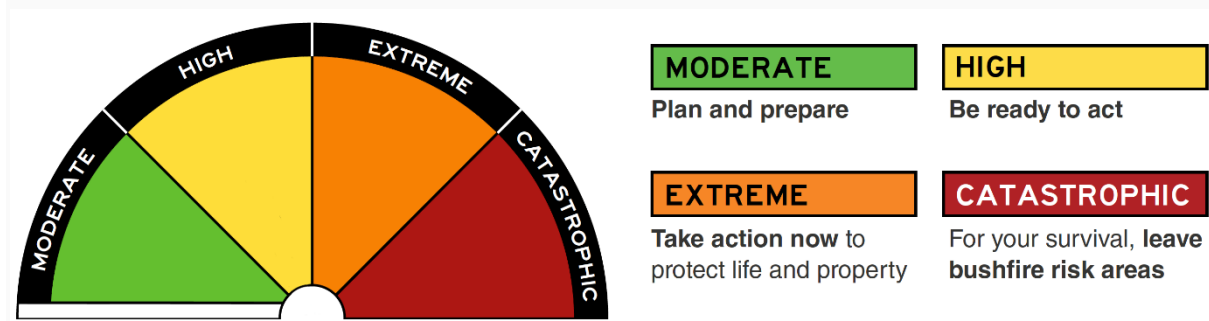
Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire could be if one started.

They are important because they help you decide what actions to take to protect yourself and others from bushfires and grassfires.

A new Fire Danger Rating system was introduced in 2022 across Australia so whether you're at home or travelling, you will see the same rating system. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-fire-danger-ratings/about-fire-danger-ratings>

The new Fire Danger Ratings



There are four levels of fire danger in the new system:

FIRE Danger	Fire Behaviour	Site Management Services	UCC Site Staff & Volunteers	Camp Protocols for Guests
Catastrophic	<p>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.</p> <p>What does it mean?</p> <p>If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Management services will not be available from 9.00 a.m. or earlier if necessary on catastrophic days and will not re-open until the next day or until safe to do so. • Site Management will post a notice indicating the office will be closed and the on-call telephone contact details. • Onsite staff will enact their personal fire plan. • A designated staff member from the management team will be available for on-call (by telephone). • The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and volunteers will not attend the workplace (camp). • Staff will remain at home to enact their personal fire plans and care for family members. • Staff or volunteers are not to bring family members or pets to the workplace as part of their personal fire plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The camp will be vacated on days designated as 'Catastrophic'. • A meeting of all guests will be called for the evening prior, or as soon as practical to a catastrophic announcement, to re-assure guests and clarify arrangements for the coming day. • Site Management will make direct contact with guests with special needs to assist them in their planning. • UCC may arrange group transport (coach) to evacuate guests (private vehicles may be left at the site)
Extreme	<p>Take action now to protect your life and property.</p> <p>What does it mean?</p> <p>Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are dangerous fire conditions. • Expect hot, dry and windy conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations will continue as usual pending monitoring and observation. • The Onsite staff will enact their personal fire plan. • A designated staff member will remain available for on-call. • Site Management will monitor the weather and fire situation in any way they can: through the VIC EMERGENCY app, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers. • Site Management will endeavour to keep guests informed. • The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be expected to work on this day. • Staff and volunteers are not to bring family members or pets to the work place.as part of their personal fire plan. • All volunteers will be cancelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting of all guests will be called for the evening prior, or as soon as practical to an extreme announcement, to reassure guests and clarify arrangements for the coming day. • Site Management will make direct contact with guests with special needs to assist them in their planning. • Programs and other operations may change to accommodate deteriorating conditions and to manage risk. • Site management, CFA, VICPOL or EMV may recommend guests leave the site. • UCC may arrange group transport (coach) to evacuate guests (private vehicles may be left at the site).
High	<p>Be ready to act.</p> <p>What does it mean?</p> <p>Fires can be dangerous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All services will operate as usual in accordance with UCC policies and procedures. • Site Management will monitor the weather and fire situation in any way they can: through VIC EMERGENCY/app, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers. • Site Management will endeavour to keep guests informed. • The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be expected to work on this day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal planning processes will apply. • Group will be advised to be ready to act if conditions deteriorate or risk increases. • Programs and other operations may change to accommodate deteriorating conditions and to manage risk. • Site management, CFA, VICPOL or EMV may require guests leave the site.
Moderate	<p>Plan and prepare.</p> <p>What does it mean?</p> <p>Most fires can be controlled.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be expected to work on this day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal planning processes will apply.