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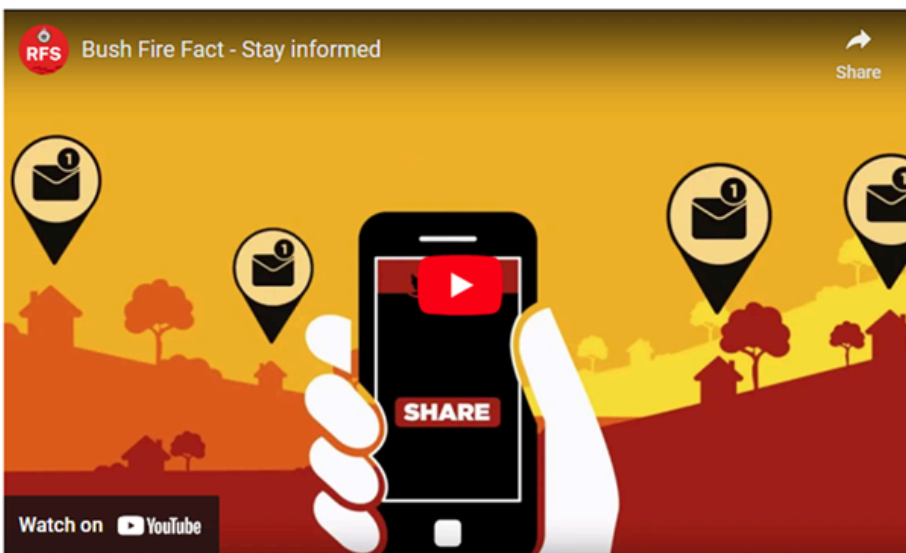


Get Bush Fire Ready: Week 4 – **Keep Up** to date with bush fire information

HELLO AND WELCOME!

Welcome to Week 4 of our "Get Bush Fire Ready" campaign. Last week, we focused on the understanding the bush fire alerts levels and what you should do.

This week, we'll focus on one of the most critical aspects of staying safe: keeping up to date and informed on conditions in your area before, during and after a disaster.



Watch: NSW RFS Bush Fire Fact – Stay Informed.

In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) or TTY (106).

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Why Staying Informed Matters

In a bush fire emergency, conditions can change rapidly. Being informed about fire ratings, weather conditions, and alerts can make all the difference in how you respond and ensure your safety.

Stay Informed and Be Prepared

Knowing the alert levels and understanding fire danger ratings are crucial for your safety. Always stay informed by monitoring local news, fire service updates, and using reliable apps and websites for real-time information.

Family Communication Plan

Ensure that everyone in your household knows how to stay informed and understands the importance of following updates. Regularly check in with each other, especially on high-risk days, to make sure everyone is aware of the current situation.

Community Involvement

Staying connected with your community can enhance your safety. Share updates with your neighbours and check in on those who may need assistance. A well-informed community is a safer community.



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This information is provided for your planning and preparation. It is intended to empower you with information and compliments advice and direction of appropriate authorities such as Police and RFS.

For life threatening emergencies, call 000

NSW Rural Fire Service



The agency responsible for combatting bushfires in the Wingecarribee Shire is the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS).

Please refer to the RFS website for information regarding bushfire preparedness including how to develop a Bush Fire Survival Plan.

If you have any questions, need advice or assistance in developing your plan, please contact NSW RFS.

rfs.nsw.gov.au
1800 679 737

Fire and Rescue NSW

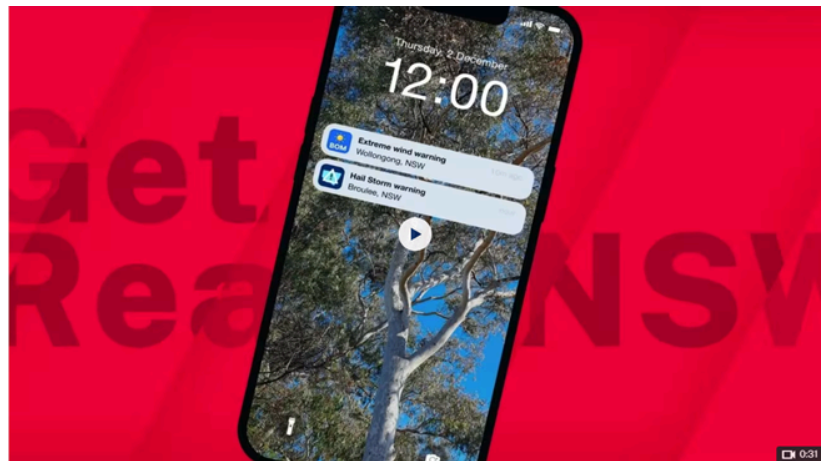


Fire & Rescue NSW is the principal urban fire and rescue service. Their responsibilities also include hazardous materials (HAZMAT) response.

fire.nsw.gov.au

The Big Four

To enhance preparedness, we encourage everyone to download four essential apps that provide crucial information before, during, and after disaster events.



Watch: [NSW GOV Get Rady Apps](#)

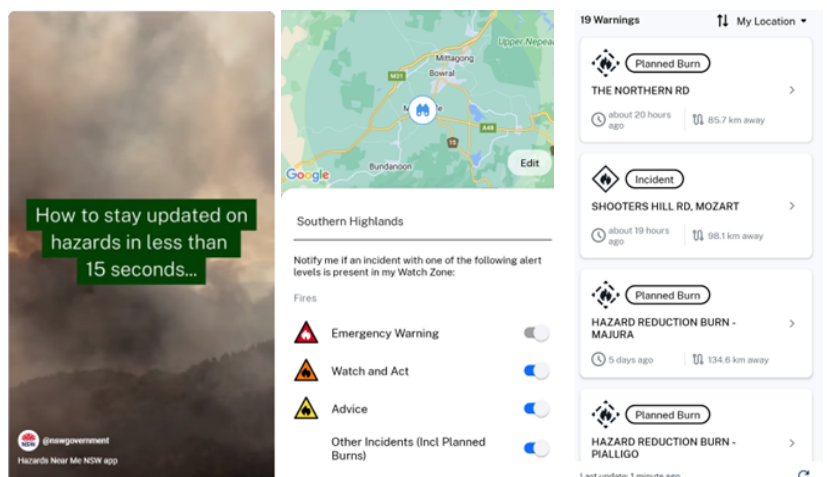
Hazards Near Me

The app allows users to see nearby flood, storm, or bushfire threats and gives advice on what to do to stay safe. You can set up multiple watch zones with notifications for your home, farm, workplace, schools, family, or any other significant location. These notifications will automatically alert you to threats such as fires, floods, tsunamis, or severe weather.

Did you know? It connects with the NSW SES and NSW Rural Fire Service to provide real-time updates on current events.



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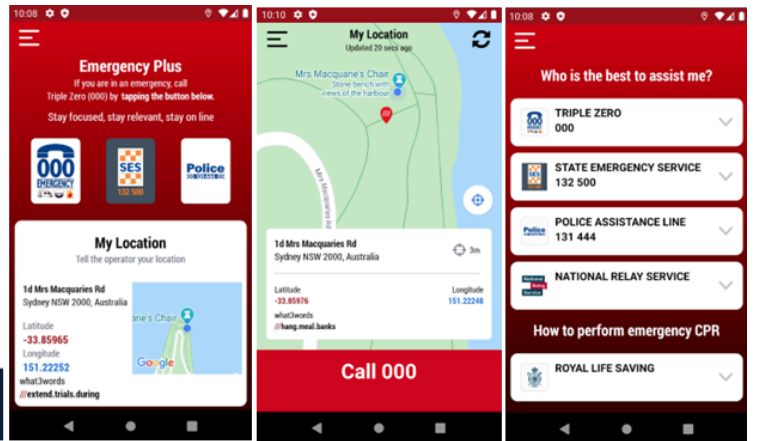
Emergency Plus

Save the app that could save your life.

The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones and what3words to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services.



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Live Traffic NSW

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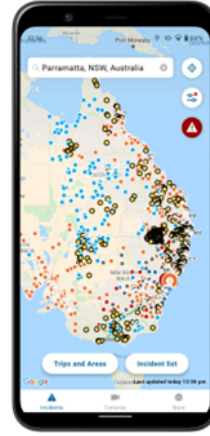
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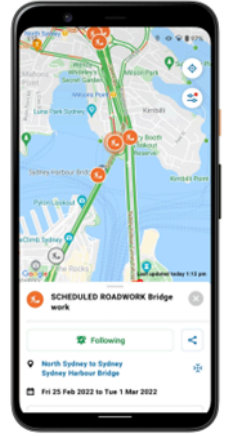
Receive updates for new or updated incidents near you.



Discover incidents near you.



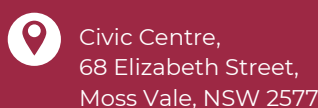
Road information from ACT, QLD, SA and VIC plus fire information from NSW RFS.



Follow incidents to receive up to the minute information about what's going on.

Disclaimer

This information is not intended to supersede any formal advice given to you by an appropriate authority such as NSW RFS Current as of August 2024.



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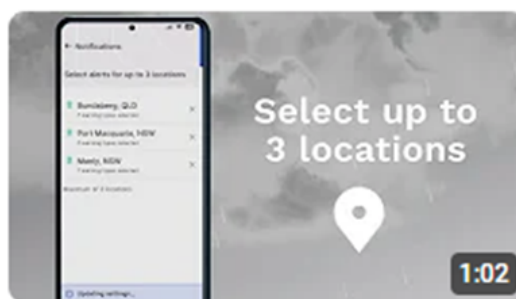
BOM Weather

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Did you know? You can set warning notifications for up to 3 locations.



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Watch: BOM – warning notifications

Emotional Impacts of Disaster

The emotional impact of a bushfire can persist long after the flames have been extinguished. Remember that support is readily available whenever you may need it ❤️

Here are some free services that are accessible 24/7:

- 📞 Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511
- 📞 Lifeline Bushfire Recovery - 13 43 57
- 📞 Mensline - 1300 789 978
- 📞 Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800
- 📞 Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636
- 📞 ReFrame/You in Mind - 0455 104 104

Additionally, if you or anyone you know is facing **immediate danger**, please **call 000** for emergency assistance. Remember, seeking help is a sign of strength, and there's no need to go through difficult times alone.



Watch: Red Cross – Emotional Impacts of disasters



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Stay Connected

Fires Near Me Information and warnings about bush fires and other incidents attended by the NSW RFS	Fires Near Me Webpage App Download for iOS App Download for Android devices
Hazards Near Me NSW receive real-time alerts and updates about hazards in your area.	App Download for iOS App Download for Android devices
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LIVE TRAFFIC NSW Live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for NSW roads.	Live Traffic NSW Webpage App Download for iOS App Download for Android devices Live Traffic NSW Facebook Live Traffic NSW X (Twitter) Live Traffic NSW Instagram
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Local News These channels provide timely information and updates during emergencies, helping you stay informed and prepared.	ABC Illawarra 97.3MHz FM 2ST Bowral 102.9 Highlands FM 107.1 Power FM 94.9
Get Prepared App	App Download for iOS App Download for Android devices
Register.Find.Reunite This service registers, finds and reunites family, friends and loved ones after an emergency.	Register find reunite Webpage



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Be Prepared for Changing Conditions

Bush fires can change direction and intensity quickly. It's important to stay informed and be ready to adapt your plan as needed:

Monitor local news and fire service updates: Stay aware of fire warnings and alerts in your area



Hazards near me app

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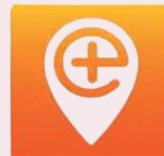
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Register. Find. Reunite.

Bookmark the [Register.Find.reunite](https://register.redcross.org.au/) website on your phone, tablet and computer to let others know you are safe in an emergency



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By the end of this week, you should have downloaded these important apps and set up alerts on your phone, so you are up to date and prepared on what's going on in your local area.

Next week we will be packing our emergency kits and go bags. Stay safe and prepared!

P.S. It's never too late to invite friends or family to join this campaign. Forward them this week's guide and ask them to join us in getting bush fire ready. Together, we can make our community safer.



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