



# Finding reliable information online during a bushfire emergency

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There are many third-party resources available for you to check the status of a bushfire or other emergency situation, however, these aren't always reliable and can lead to people being misinformed.

**Remember:** in an emergency situation it is always advisable to use a combination of information sources such as reliable government sources on social media, official apps and your local radio emergency broadcaster.

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## ACT - ACT Rural Fire Service

Website: [esa.act.gov.au/rural-fire-service](http://esa.act.gov.au/rural-fire-service)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ACTRFS/](http://www.facebook.com/ACTRFS/)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/act\\_esa/](http://www.twitter.com/act_esa/)

## New South Wales - Rural Fire Service

Website: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nswrfs](http://www.facebook.com/nswrfs)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/NSWRFS](http://www.twitter.com/NSWRFS)

App: Fires Near Me NSW

## Northern Territory - Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service

Website: [pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service](http://pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service)

Map: [pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service/fire-incident-map](http://pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service/fire-incident-map)

## Queensland - Rural Fire Service

Website: [www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/Home.aspx)

Map: [www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/map/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/map/Pages/default.aspx)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/QldFES](http://www.twitter.com/QldFES)

## South Australia - Country Fire Service

Website: [www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/countryfireservice](http://www.facebook.com/countryfireservice)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/CFSAAlerts](http://www.twitter.com/CFSAAlerts)

App: Alert SA



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## Tasmania - Tasmania Fire Service

Website: [www.fire.tas.gov.au/](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/)

Map: [www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colGMapBushfires](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colGMapBushfires)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService/](http://www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService/)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/TasFireService](http://www.twitter.com/TasFireService)

## Victoria - Country Fire Authority

Website: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home)

Map: [www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cfavic](http://www.facebook.com/cfavic)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/cfa\\_update](http://www.twitter.com/cfa_update)

App: VicEmergency

## Western Australia - Department of Fire And Emergency Services

Website: [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx)

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

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

## There are some other services you might find useful when making plans in a bushfire emergency:

**Google maps** ([maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com)) can be useful when planning an evacuation route, as well as checking traffic information and road closures.

Weather websites such as **Willy Weather** ([www.willyweather.com.au](http://www.willyweather.com.au)) and the **Bureau of Meterology** ([bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au)) will allow you to check the forecast for your area.

The **Register.Find.Reunite** ([register.redcross.org.au](http://register.redcross.org.au)) service from the Red Cross matches registrations from people affected by an emergency to enquiries made by their loved ones searching for news. Where a match is made, the person who made the enquiry will be notified. It can be useful to register that you and your family is safe if there is a risk of power (and therefore internet) failure.

The **ABC Emergency** ([www.abc.net.au/news/emergency](http://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency)) website brings warnings and coverage of emergencies to one place. It helps you find information before, during and after times of crisis and disaster, wherever you are in Australia. There is a lot of information on this website to assist with planning for and during a bushfire.

Created by NSW RFS, the **My Fire Plan** ([www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)) website helps people prepare for a bushfire and ensure you've got everything you need where you need it, just in case. You can create a plan and checklist on the website to print out and keep somewhere safe in the event of a bushfire.