Finding reliable disaster information online

The resources below have been developed by each state and territory's emergency services.

TOP TIP: Remember: in an emergency use a combination of information sources. These can include reliable government sites, official apps, your local radio emergency broadcaster and social media.

Australian Capital Territory

Website: <u>esa.act.gov.au/rural-fire-service</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/ACTRFS/</u> Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/act_esa/</u> App: ialert

New South Wales

Website: <u>www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/nswrfs</u> Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/NSWRFS</u> App: Fires Near Me NSW App: Hazards Near Me NSW

Northern Territory

Website: <u>pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service</u> Map: <u>https://pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service/fire-incident-map</u> App: secureNT

Queensland

Website: <u>https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/about-us/frontline-services/rural-fire-service</u> Map: <u>https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/Current-Incidents</u> Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/QldFES</u> App: SES Assistance QLD

South Australia

Website: <u>www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/countryfireservice</u> Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/CFSAlerts</u> App: Alert SA







Tasmania

Website: <u>www.fire.tas.gov.au/</u> Map: <u>www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colGMapBushfires</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService/</u> Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/TasFireService</u>

Victoria

Website: <u>www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home</u> Map: <u>www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/cfavic</u> App: Vic Emergency

Western Australia

Website: <u>www.dfes.wa.gov.au</u> Map: <u>www.emergency.wa.gov.au/</u> Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/dfes_wa</u> App: State Emergency Service VAssoc

Other helpful disaster resources:

Google maps (<u>maps.google.com</u>) is useful when planning an evacuation route, checking traffic information and road closures.

Weather websites such as Willy Weather (<u>www.willyweather.com.au</u>) and the Bureau of Meteorology (<u>bom.gov.au</u>) allow you to check the forecast for your area.

Telstra has top tips on disaster preparedness <u>https://www.telstra.com.au/exchange/how-to-prepare-for-natural-disasters</u>

The Red Cross has a similar app called: Get Prepared https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepared-app/

The Register.Find.Reunite (<u>register.redcross.org.au</u>) service matches registrations from people affected by an emergency to enquiries made. When a match is made, the person who made the enquiry will be notified. Always register yourself safe, when you can.

The ABC Emergency (<u>www.abc.net.au/news/emergency</u>) website provides warnings and coverage of emergencies. It helps you find information before, during and after emergencies.

Created by NSW Rural Fire Service, the My Fire Plan (<u>www.myfireplan.com.au</u>) website helps you prepare for a bushfire and to has tips on how to stay safe.

The Emergency Plus app is handy in case you need to share your location to emergency services if there is no phone reception <u>www.emergencyplus.com.au/</u>





