

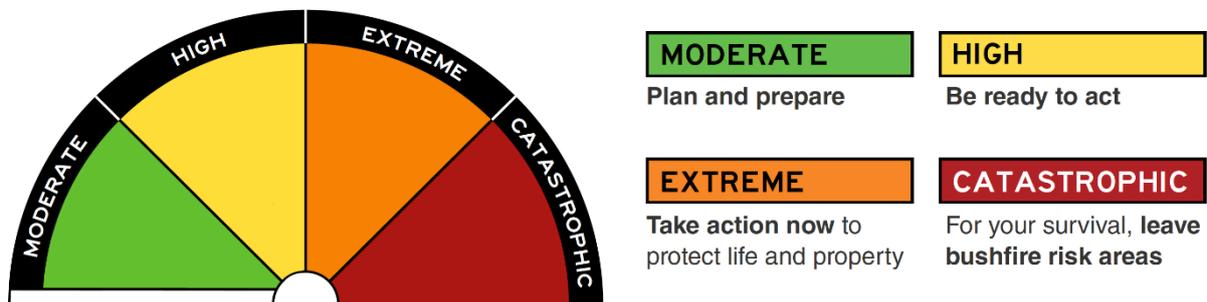
Bushfire safety for Cemeteries

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.

Fire danger ratings are shown in the same way across all of Australia, so whether you're at home or travelling, you will see the same rating system.

The Fire Danger Ratings



There are four levels of fire danger:

- **Moderate** - Plan and prepare
- **High** - Be ready to act
- **Extreme** - Take action now to protect your life and property
- **Catastrophic** - For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Fire Danger Ratings will be issued on days when there is a fire risk.

Each fire danger rating will have a clear set of messages including the actions the community can take to reduce their risk.

Ratings are forecast using Bureau of Meteorology data for up to four days in advance, based on weather and other environmental conditions such as vegetation.

The rating is your trigger to take action to stay safe.

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Fire Danger Ratings (Fire Behaviour Index - FBI)	No Rating (< 12)	Moderate (12-23)	High (24-49)	Extreme (50-99)	Catastrophic (>= 100)
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Fire Danger Rating	Cemetery Response
CATASTROPHIC For your survival, Leave bushfire risk areas	The cemetery will be closed to all visitors and burials. No funerals will take place
EXTREME, HIGH OR TOTAL FIRE BAN Take action now to protect life and property.	The cemetery will be open with restrictions, Staff /Trust will monitor information and conditions and if a 'Watch and Act' or 'Emergency Warning' is issued for the area, the cemetery will be closed.
MODERATE Plan and prepare	The cemetery will be open.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR SERVICES AND BURIALS:

Trust should advise funeral directors if there is a need to postpone services or burials. The Funeral Director should advise the family of the impact. In the event of a cemetery closure, the trust should work closely with the funeral director to find the next best time and day for the service or burial.

Advice for decision management regarding bookings and services can be found [Country Fire Authority](#) (CFA) and [Emergency Victoria](#)

The four-day fire rating forecast provided by the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) in your cemetery district.

Checklist:

- Check all advice sites
- Trust to decide on course of action
- Contact the Funeral Directors, Grave Digger and any other stakeholders
- Contact the Funerals Directors with bookings
- Contact any family with booking for Cremated Remains interments
- Announce on social media, noticeboards and community outlets (where applicable)
- Prepare and install notices on all access points at the cemetery.

[Generic Poster for Bushfire Safety](#)