

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: esa.act.gov.au/rural-fire-service

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ACTRFS/

Twitter: www.twitter.com/act_esa/

App: ialert

New South Wales

Website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nswrfs

Twitter: www.twitter.com/NSWRFS

App: Fires Near Me NSW

App: Hazards Near Me NSW

Northern Territory

Website: pfes.nt.gov.au/fire-and-rescue-service

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

App: secureNT

Queensland

Website: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/about-us/frontline-services/rural-fire-service>

Map: <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/Current-Incidents>

Twitter: www.twitter.com/QldFES

App: SES Assistance QLD

South Australia

Website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp

Facebook: www.facebook.com/countryfireservice

Twitter: www.twitter.com/CFSAAlerts

App: Alert SA

Tasmania

Website: www.fire.tas.gov.au/

Map: www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colGMapBushfires

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService/

Twitter: www.twitter.com/TasFireService

Victoria

Website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/home

Map: www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cfavic

App: Vic Emergency

Western Australia

Website: www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Map: www.emergency.wa.gov.au/

Twitter: www.twitter.com/dfes_wa

App: State Emergency Service VAssoc

Other helpful disaster resources:

Google maps (maps.google.com) is useful when planning an evacuation route to check traffic information and road closures.

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

Telstra has top tips on disaster preparedness

<https://www.telstra.com.au/exchange/how-to-prepare-for-natural-disasters>

The Red Cross has a similar app called: Get Prepared

<https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/get-prepared-app/>

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

The ABC Emergency (www.abc.net.au/news/emergency) 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 (www.myfireplan.com.au) website helps you prepare for a bushfire and has tips on how to stay safe.

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