

# KNOWING THE FIRE DANGER RATINGS COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System has changed, all States and Territories now have the same fire danger ratings.

Most Total Fire Bans will start at Extreme, meaning you cannot use machinery or start fires in these conditions on these days. States and Territories will still have their local Fire Danger Seasons and a list of rules to help you understand what you should and shouldn't do on these days.

We know that fires happen in the Australian landscape all the time but Fire Danger Ratings are designed to help you understand the risk of a fire spreading on particular days, and how to stay safe.

## THE FIRE DANGER RATING LEVELS ARE:

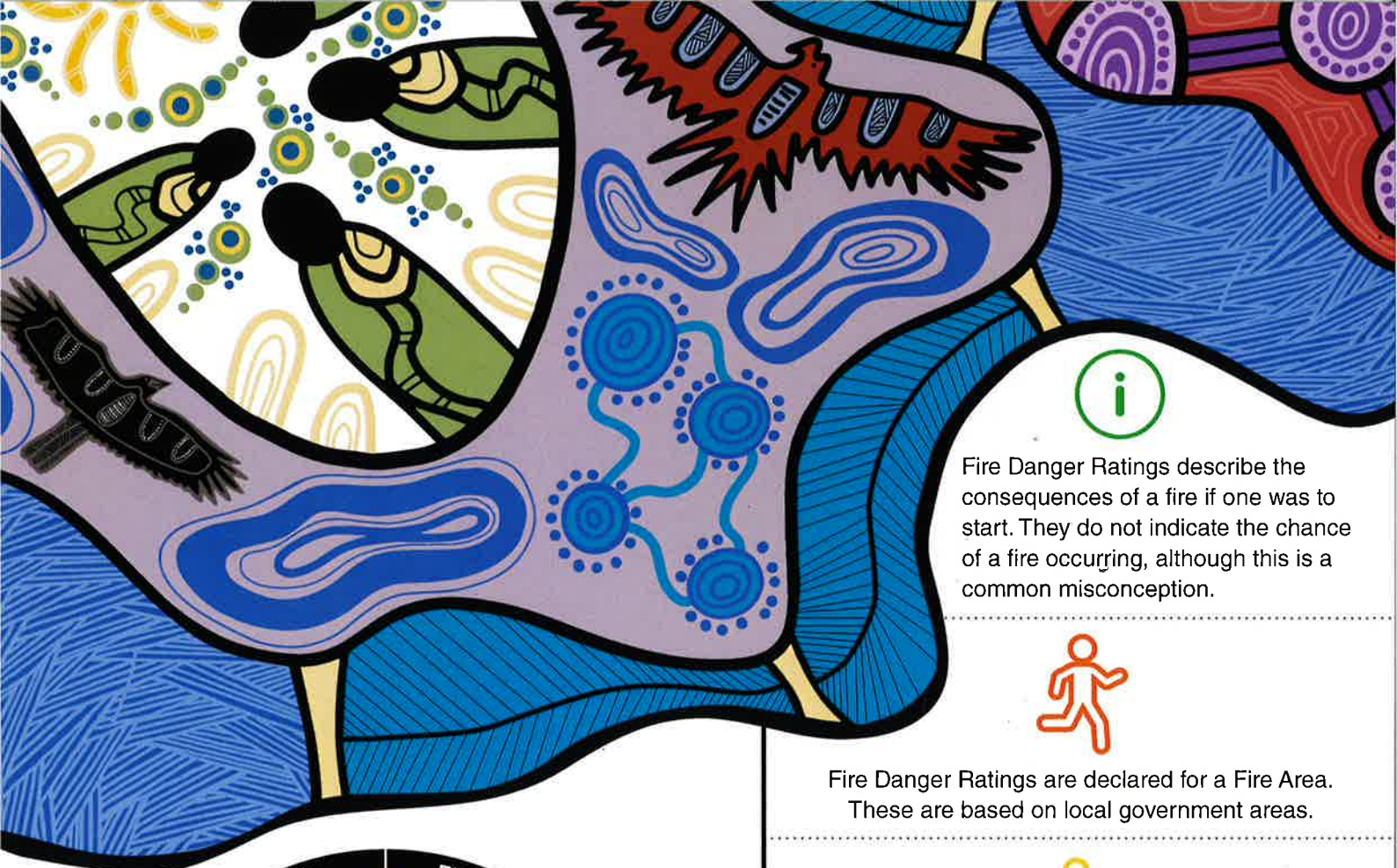
 <b>MODERATE</b>	<b>Plan and prepare.</b> Most fires can be controlled.
 <b>HIGH</b>	<b>Be ready to act.</b> Fires can be dangerous.
 <b>EXTREME</b>	<b>Take action now to protect your life and property.</b> Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.
 <b>CATASTROPHIC</b>	<b>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.</b> If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.
 <b>NO RATING</b>	On days where there is minimal risk, the white bar meaning 'No Rating' will be used.



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## UNDERSTANDING FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Fire Danger Ratings are now simpler and easier to understand. By using the latest science and technology, they provide a more clear and accurate rating to save properties and lives. The higher the rating is, the more dangerous the conditions will be.

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Fire Danger Ratings describe the consequences of a fire if one was to start. They do not indicate the chance of a fire occurring, although this is a common misconception.



Fire Danger Ratings are declared for a Fire Area. These are based on local government areas.



Ratings are calculated using a combination of weather forecasting and information about vegetation that could fuel a fire.



During harvesting season, Harvest Safety Alerts may be issued for areas at High and above.



Total Fire Bans will typically apply at Extreme and above.



When the fire danger reaches High, permits may be suspended. Check any conditions on your fire permit.



You can use the Fire Danger Ratings as a trigger for action in your bush fire survival plan.



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