



Tasmania Fire Service



**BUSHFIRE  
READY  
SCHOOLS**

For more information or to organise a bushfire assessment of your school please contact the Tasmania Fire Service.

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**1800 000 699**

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# KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

## Supporting schools in bushfire-prone areas

Bushfire-Ready Schools is a Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) safety initiative supporting education centres in bushfire-prone areas to manage their bushfire risk and prepare for bushfire emergency.

## The purpose of Bushfire-Ready Schools

- School children are a vulnerable section of our community and need to be supported.
- Schools are a key community asset, often central to a community. It is important they are protected and remain at its hub.
- Schools and Education Departments have a duty of care to provide a safe workplace for staff and students.

## Bushfire-Ready Schools assessment process

Prior to visiting a school site, a TFS bushfire assessor completes a desktop evaluation of landscape fire risk, reviewing critical factors such as fire history, topography, local climate and bushfire fuels.

This is followed by a site visit delivering a comprehensive bushfire risk assessment, including a detailed evaluation of risk elements such as building materials and construction design, bushfire fuel hazards, protection measures and landscape design.

The assessment process collates all the information and the school is assigned a rating category under the Bushfire-Ready Schools classification system.

## Bushfire-Ready Schools rating categories

TFS identifies four Bushfire-Ready School rating categories based on susceptibility to bushfire attack and capacity to provide shelter from the life threatening effects of radiant heat. These are detailed in the table below:

CATEGORY RATING	SITE DESCRIPTION
Category Low	Inherently bushfire safe due to separation distance from nearest bushfire hazard.
Category 1	Buildings will be safe to shelter in during the passage of the main fire front.
Category 2	Buildings may not be safe to shelter in during the passage of the main fire front until remedial works are completed.
Category 3	Inherently bushfire unsafe due to separation distance from nearest bushfire hazard, or other safety factors determined by Tasmania Fire Service. Buildings may not be safe to shelter in during the passage of the main fire front.

For more information on Category Rating visit [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au) or freecall 1800 000 699

## Bushfire Assessment Report

The Bushfire Assessment Report details the bushfire risk to the site and provides comprehensive recommendations for bushfire fuel management, landscape design and maintenance, emergency management planning and building retrofits for bushfire protection.

The Bushfire Assessment Report provides school authorities with the framework for mitigating their bushfire risk and can guide emergency preparedness and response activities at the school site.

