

New symbology to display the alert level of bushfires




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From the 1 December 2020, the 'Fires Near Me' app and the Rural Fire Service website will be updated to reflect a change to new Bush Fire Alert symbology.



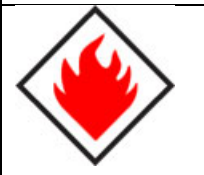
This change is part of a national initiative to ensure consistency of messaging across the country as part of the Australian Warning System, which was also a recommendation from the NSW Bush Fire Inquiry.

The new symbology is provided below and replaces the old symbology.

New Symbology (1 December 2020)

	<p>Advice</p> <p>A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.</p>
	<p>Watch And Act</p> <p>There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.</p>
	<p>Emergency Warning</p> <p>An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.</p>

Old Symbology (up to 30 November 2020)

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	<p>Watch And Act</p> <p>There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.</p>
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For those facilities with emergency plans that identify the alert symbology or utilise the old colour codes, an update to your documentation will need to occur.