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# Bushfire Risk Management Update

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## Early start of Fire Danger Season in Pastoral Districts

The Country Fire Service (CFS) announced an early start to the 2011/12 Fire Danger Season (FDS) for the North East Pastoral and North West Pastoral Fire Ban Districts. The FDS usually start on 1 November for these areas, but due to reported significant increases in grass fuel loads, the CFS commenced the FDS two weeks earlier, starting on the 15th of October.

Further information can be accessed from the [CFS website](#).

### Updated Information on Bushfire Safer Places

The CFS has updated information on Bushfire Safer Places available on their website. Click [here](#) to find out where the bushfire safer place is in your area.

### Bushfire Workshop Presentations

ACS, in collaboration with SA Health and the CFS organised a Bushfire Workshop last May 2011. Speaker presentations and handouts can now be accessed on the [ACS website](#).

A dvd of the workshop is also available on request.

### Fire Danger Rating

A new national Fire Danger Rating (FDR) system is in place to provide the community with relevant information in order to prepare and respond to bushfires.

The Australian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) advises that people reconsider any travelling to bushfire areas when the FDR is from high to extreme. Do not attempt travelling to a bushfire area when the FDR is catastrophic.

The CFS has prepared an [FDR Chart](#) as a guide to understand the predicted bushfire behaviours, potential impacts and the recommended action to be taken for each level.

### Risk Management Tools

The Department of Families and Communities (DFC) have resources such as [Business Continuity Kit](#) and an [Extreme Weather Plan](#) available to download to assist organizations in developing risk management plans.

### Useful Resources

- [ACS Bushfire Risk Management Plan](#)
- [Large Print Bushfire Information](#)
- [Multilingual Bushfire Safety Information](#)
- [Fire Ready Kit](#)
- [Multilingual Fire Safety Information](#)
- [Working Guidelines for Local Government During Emergencies](#)
- CFS bushfire resource materials in [audio format](#).
- [Bushfire Safety for Travellers](#)

### Useful Numbers

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