

Final Decision Making Authority

The **Chief Commissioner** has ultimate authority over the program operations of Scouting and can, if considered appropriate, override the decision of the Leader in Charge of any Scouting activity with respect to the continuation, cancellation or modification of a Scouting activity during hazardous weather conditions or extreme weather events.

Fire Danger Rating Trigger Actions

Based on the Fire Danger Rating, the **Leader in Charge** of an activity or **campsite** should implement the following trigger actions for activities or campsites within a Bushfire Prone Area:

Fire Danger Rating	Leader in Charge of an activity or campsite
CODE RED Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel the activity – leave the night before or first thing in the morning Campsites are closed for visitors/hirers – all camp occupiers to leave the night before or first thing in the morning
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider rescheduling or relocating the activity Cancel or relocate any activity where there is limited two-way communication capability with the participants Adjust the program to suit the conditions (such as temperature, wind, shade) Monitor weather conditions throughout the activity Ensure evacuation and/or shelter-in-place plans are established Ensure sufficient transport is available to relocate or evacuate the area if required Seek advice and approval from State Commissioner – Risk and Safety, or another relevant commissioner
Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider rescheduling or relocating the activity Adjust the program to suit the conditions Implement a plan for regular communication with remote participants Monitor weather conditions throughout the activity
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard principles apply
Low-Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor weather conditions throughout the activity

Extreme Weather warnings, Fire Danger ratings and bushfire notifications can be accessed from the Vic Emergency app, which allows you to set a watch zone around your activity location. You can also access this information at www.emergency.vic.gov.au

To determine if your activity or campsite is in a bushfire prone area, go to <https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/> and enable Bushfire Prone Areas layer. (Note that areas with a Bushfire Management Overlay are still defined as Bushfire Prone Areas.)

Information on Victorian Parks Information on Victorian Parks that are affected by fire can be obtained here <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/fire-affected-parks>

