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**Fire Danger Period  
or Total Fire Ban**

**What's the  
difference?**



## Fire danger periods, Fire Danger Ratings, Warnings and Total Fire Bans – what do they mean?



### Fire Danger Periods

A **Fire Danger Period** is a time when CFA restricts the use of fire in the hotter time of the year. The rules help prevent fires from starting. The Fire Danger Period can go for several months, and the start date and end date are different for each local government area (shire or council).



### Total Fire Ban days

**Total Fire Bans** are called for one or more days when the fire risk is very high. On Total Fire Ban days all fires\* are banned.



### Fire Danger Ratings

Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. You use them to determine what actions you need to take to protect yourself and others from bushfires and grassfires.



### Warnings

Warnings tell you when a fire has already started, so pay attention to them especially on hot, dry days with high winds.

Visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions](https://cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions)

*\*In restricted circumstances where fires are essential, a special Total Fire Ban permit may be available. Check CFA's website for details on how to apply. Without a current Total Fire Ban permit, the use of fire on Total Fire Ban days is subject to penalty.*



Scan the QR code to find out more.  
Together we can stay safe from fires.