

CONCERNED ABOUT A FIRE HAZARD?

The Tasmania Fire Service recommends the following approach where there is a fire hazard on someone else's property:

- Contact the landowner or occupier where the fire hazard is located to discuss your concerns. The landowner or occupier may not be aware of the hazard or may already have plans in place to remove the hazard.
- If you are unsuccessful in contacting the landowner or occupier, or are unable to resolve your concerns, contact the Council to report a fire hazard. Council may assess whether the potential fire hazard is a fire risk.
- If you have been unsuccessful in resolving your concerns through the Council, you may report the fire hazard to the Tasmania Fire Service using our free call number **1800 000 699** or email **fire@fire.tas.gov.au**.



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COUNCIL AREAS



RECEIVED A NOTICE ABOUT A FIRE HAZARD ON YOUR PROPERTY?



If you have been issued an Abatement Notice from Council, you should comply with the notice, or if further information is required, you should contact Council, as described on the notice.

If you have been issued a notice from the Tasmania Fire Service, you should comply with the notice, or if further information is required, you should contact the Tasmania Fire Service, as described on the notice.

In an emergency...

If you find yourself in an emergency which is either life threatening or where time is critical, you can contact fire services, police or ambulance by phone on **triple zero (000)**.



- Ask for Fire, Police or Ambulance.
- Stay calm, don't shout, speak slowly and clearly.
- When asked, give as much detail about your location as you can.

For assistance:

- www.accesshub.gov.au
- Expression Australia Auslan Emergency Interpreter app www.expression.com.au



FIRE HAZARDS AND FIRE RISKS

Learn how to identify fire hazards and fire risks and how to reduce, remove or report them.

fire.tas.gov.au

1800 000 699



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BUSHFIRE
WHY RISK IT?



WHAT ARE FIRE HAZARDS AND FIRE RISKS?

A fire hazard is any potential threat to people or property from flammable materials or actions which are not fire safe.

Examples of fire hazards include:

- Unmanaged vegetation, such as hedges, scrub, bush, grass, or weeds.
- Accumulated rubbish, inflammable material, or other matter.
- Defective building construction.
- Dilapidated buildings or structures.
- Inflammable materials close to buildings.
- Inadequate means of evacuation from a building.
- The escape of inflammable liquid or vapour.

Fire hazards become **fire risks** if the hazard is likely to have significant impact on people and/or property.

If a fire hazard is a fire risk, action must be taken to reduce or remove the risk.



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MORE ABOUT
FIRE HAZARDS
AND FIRE RISKS



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Property Owners, Occupiers, and Land Managers

All property owners, occupiers and land managers (private and public) are responsible to ensure fire hazards are reduced within the property they own or manage. Fire hazards must not be allowed to become fire risks.

Council (Local Government)

Councils are responsible for ensuring fire hazards on their property are adequately managed.

Councils may issue Abatement Notices regarding fire risks on property within the municipal area.

Tasmania Fire Service (TFS)

The Tasmania Fire Service has responsibility for the protection of life, property, and the environment from fire, throughout the entire State. The TFS works with Councils, property owners, occupiers and land managers to ensure that fire-danger is mitigated.

The TFS may:

- Issue notices to property owners or occupiers requiring the removal of a fire hazard.
- Issue notices to Council requiring the abatement of a fire hazard on property within the municipal area.
- Take all reasonable actions to protect life, property and the environment from fire, including the removal of fire hazards.

FIRE HAZARD ON YOUR PROPERTY?

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

You should take steps to reduce or remove the fire hazard.

Fire hazards need to be reduced and removed all year round, not just during the bushfire season.

Building fires can occur all year round and it is essential for fire safety to maintain exits, detectors and alarms, and extinguishers, as well as avoiding the unsafe storage of flammable materials.

The Tasmania Fire Service may provide advice on fire hazards, the most suitable means to reduce a fire hazard and abatement standards, as well as planning and fire safety considerations. For further advice visit fire.tas.gov.au or call **1800 000 699**.

The Tasmania Fire Service provides programs and information that may assist you in managing fire hazards on your property.



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