



SHIRE of
WYNDHAM
EAST KIMBERLEY



Who Helps During Emergencies?

Emergency management is a team effort:

Local Governments – coordinate local resources and recovery

State Emergency Services (SES) – respond to storms, floods, and other emergencies

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) – manage bushfires and major incidents

Police – ensure public safety

Health Services – care for injured and affected people

Volunteer Groups – St John Ambulance, community emergency volunteers

Industry and Utility Companies – support essential services

Local committees like the **Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)** plan and coordinate these efforts.

Stayed Informed


DFES

 www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Emergency WA

 www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Bureau of Meteorology

 www.bom.gov.au/wa

Local Radio

 603AM

Remember:

Local governments and emergency services work **together** to protect lives and property. By **preparing ahead, staying informed, knowing alert levels, and acting safely**, you help make your community stronger and safer.

Emergency Management in Your Community

How Local Governments Keep You Safe in Western Australia

Emergencies can happen anywhere – bushfires, floods, cyclones, or other disasters.

Local governments in WA work with emergency services to protect communities, prepare for disasters, respond quickly, and help with recovery.

The 4 Stages of Emergency Management

Local governments and emergency agencies follow a 4-step approach, called **PPRR**:

- 1. Prevention** – Stop emergencies before they happen
 - Reduce risks through fire management, flood drainage, and cyclone clean-ups
 - Enforce building, planning, and environmental laws
 - Educate the community about safety
- 2. Preparedness** – Be ready for anything
 - Emergency planning and training for staff and volunteers
 - Community awareness campaigns and public information
 - Conduct practice exercises to test emergency procedures
 - Share safety guides and warnings about bushfires, cyclones, and floods
- 3. Response** – Act quickly during an emergency
 - Emergency services respond to protect lives and property
 - Local governments provide resources and support
 - Alerts and warnings are shared with the community
- 4. Recovery** – Help the community get back on its feet
 - Restore services, infrastructure, and wellbeing
 - Support people emotionally, socially, and economically
 - Learn from each event to reduce future risks



Know the Emergency Alert Levels

Western Australia uses **emergency alert levels** to tell you **how serious a situation is** and what action to take.

| Alert Level | Meaning | What you should do |
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|  Advice | An incident has started, but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. | Stay aware and keep up to date with official information. |
|  Watch and Act | There is a possible threat to lives or homes. Conditions may be changing. | Take action now: follow your emergency plan, prepare your home, and be ready to leave or shelter if needed. |
|  Emergency Warning | There is a high threat to lives or homes. You may be in immediate danger. | Act immediately: evacuate or take shelter as instructed by authorities. |

Tip: Always rely on official alerts from **DFES, Emergency WA, BOM, or local radio.**

How You Can Be Prepared

Being ready can save lives and reduce damage. Here's what you can do:

At Home:

- Create a **family emergency plan** – know how to contact each other and where to meet
- Pack an **emergency kit**: water, non-perishable food, first-aid kit, torch, batteries, important documents and medications
- Secure your home: check roof, gutters, trees, and flood risks

During Storms, Floods, or Cyclones:

- Stay indoors and away from windows
- Never drive through floodwaters
- Listen to **official warnings** via radio, DFES, Emergency WA, or BOM

Community Awareness:

- Know your **local evacuation routes**
- Sign up for **emergency alerts**
- Volunteer with local SES or other emergency groups if possible

Special Considerations:

- Make a plan for **pets, elderly family members, or people with disabilities**
- Keep a **list of important phone numbers** handy

