



Emergency Services Levy for a Safer State

Every dollar raised through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) plays a vital role in delivering essential fire and emergency services in Western Australia (WA).

Wherever you call home in WA, you will see the ESL hard at work helping to protect our communities.

The ESL supports the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and approximately 26,000 fire and rescue, marine and emergency services volunteers, along with over 1,700 firefighters and staff.

Together, they respond to bushfires, storms, cyclones, floods, road crash rescues, hazardous spills and search and rescue missions on land and sea.

Your ESL contribution also helps fund fire and emergency vehicles, aerial fleets, life-saving equipment and emergency services facilities, ensuring frontline responders have all the tools they need to keep Western Australians safe.

To learn more about how your ESL is calculated, including information on the different rates, limits and concessions visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl.

Last financial year the ESL facilitated firefighters and emergency services volunteers to respond to over 27,000 emergencies throughout WA. These include:



Fire Response

Battled over 9,600 fires, including more than 5,200 bushfires and 1,100 structure fires



Severe weather

Responded to around 1,200 requests for assistance after storms, cyclones and floods



Marine rescue

Performed over 1,600 search and rescue missions at sea



Road crash rescue

Attended more than 3,000 road crash rescues

In 2025/26 the ESL will provide essential funding for:



Triple Zero (000)

Operating 24/7, responding to around 37,000 emergency calls across the State



Bushfire mitigation

Reducing bushfire risk to protect people, property and the environment



Training

Providing firefighters and volunteers with opportunities to enhance skills and train for emergencies



Fire and emergency vehicles

Equipping our firefighters and volunteers with over 2,400 emergency response vehicles



Safety and education

Preparing WA communities to reduce risks and build resilience in the face of natural disasters and emergencies



Fire and emergency facilities

Operating around-the-clock with assets and equipment ready to respond to emergencies



Aerial firefighting fleet

Flying a network of water bombers, helitacs and aircranes for over 1,700 hours to drop 13 million litres of suppressant, gather intelligence and transport emergency equipment and personnel



Emergency WA website and app

Issuing over 11,000 alerts and warnings, with more than 18 million push notifications sent to 200,000+ app users – keeping communities informed throughout emergencies



Emergency services support

Funding grant programs to assist Bush Fire Brigades, State Emergency Service Units and Marine Rescue WA groups



For more information or to request brochures in large print, Braille or another language, call **1300 136 099** or visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl

