



DFES
Department of Fire &
Emergency Services

FOR A SAFER STATE



Emergency Services Levy for a Safer State

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) helps deliver essential fire and emergency services across Western Australia.

No matter where you live in our vast State, you will see the ESL hard at work.

The ESL helps protect 2.9 million Western Australians by funding the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and its volunteers to respond to bushfires, storms, cyclones, floods, road crashes, hazardous spills and search-and-rescue missions.

It supports around 26,000 fire and rescue, marine and emergency services volunteers and more than 1,800 career firefighters, operational and corporate staff from DFES to provide around-the-clock fire and emergency services.

Your ESL contribution also helps fund fire and emergency vehicles, aerial fleets, life-saving equipment and emergency services facilities.

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

Throughout 2023-24, the ESL provided essential funding for firefighters and emergency services volunteers to respond to more than 32,000 emergency incidents including:



Fire Response

Over 10,300 fires including:
5,800+ bushfires and more than
1,300 structure fires



Severe weather

About 1,500 requests from the
community for assistance after
storms, cyclones and floods



Marine rescue

More than 1,500 search-and-rescue
missions at sea



Road crash rescue

More than 2,900 road crash rescues



In 2024–25 the Emergency Services Levy will also fund:



Triple Zero (000)

Responding to an estimated 40,000 calls for emergency assistance from the community



Emergency Vehicles

Powering the frontline with more than 2,400 emergency response vehicles



Training

Developing firefighters and volunteers to be at the forefront of emergency response



Bushfire Mitigation

Supporting 95 local governments through funding bushfire mitigation to reduce risk to protect people, property and the environment



Supporting Emergency Services

Providing grants to fund volunteer Bush Fire brigades, State Emergency Service units and Marine Rescue groups



Fire and Emergency Facilities

More than 600 Fire and Emergency Facilities operating around the clock to protect communities in an emergency



Aerial Fleet

Dropping 17 million litres of fire suppressant and flying around 2,300 hours to fight fires, gather intelligence and transport emergency personnel and equipment



Emergency WA

Publishing around 9,000 alerts and warnings to keep communities informed before, during and after emergencies



Safety and Education

Preparing Western Australians to reduce their risks and increase resilience in the face of natural disasters and emergencies

