



**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](https://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