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Extreme Fire Danger

With summer just around the corner, experts are warning of a dangerous fire season ahead and predict this summer will be as bad, if not worse, than last year.

If the past month's hot temperatures and dry conditions are any indication of what is to come, we can expect more extreme fire danger days than ever. The bushfire season has already begun in New South Wales with 20 fire outbreaks across the state in early October.

Australians are being urged to be well prepared for the bushfire season. Teach students what to do when a bushfire threatens and help them understand safety in a bushfire situation with resources from EnhanceTV. The free feature article, [Australia's Burning Summer](#), asks what are bushfires and how does a bushfire burn, and examines Australia's worst bushfires. The [Trial by Fire](#) study guide follows the day-to-day activities of the Woodend Brigade of the CFA during the 2002-2003 bushfire season.

For educational programs on the topic, [Behind the News](#) contains a story on the USA fires and looks at what makes a bushfire dangerous and how kids can keep safe, while this episode of [Behind the News](#) looks at how areas recover after bushfires. [TTN](#) reveals what makes bushfires so dangerous and what to do if you get caught in one, and this episode of [TTN](#) finds out what happens in the event of a bushfire from the NSW Rural Fire Service Headquarters. [Behind the News Special: People and the Environment](#) explains how to prepare for an early start to the Aussie bushfire season.

The [Bushfire Summer complete series](#) tells the story of the bushfire season; of those affected by fire; who fight fires; and who study fires and their prevention. [Four Corners: Firestorm](#) explores key questions about how Australia might deal with megafires of the future by examining recent major fires in Canberra, Victoria and NSW. [Hazards, Disasters and Survival: Bushfires](#) shows how to assess your property's vulnerability to bushfires and explains measures you can take if a bushfire is approaching. [Weather Ed.: Bushfires and Heatwaves](#) conveys the importance of our response to

reduce the economic cost and cost in terms of human life and focuses on the role of the State Emergency Services in limiting the impacts.

