EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- **when your home or school is near an emergency**
- **when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.**

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- **a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with "Emergency, Emergency", and/or**
- **a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.**
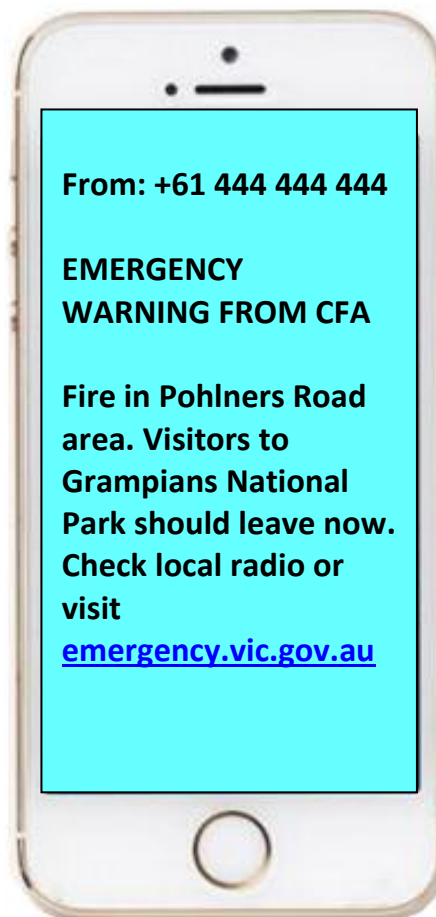
The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number:
+61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert

From: +61 444 444 444

EMERGENCY WARNING FROM CFA

Fire in Pohlners Road area. Visitors to Grampians National Park should leave now. Check local radio or visit
emergency.vic.gov.au

Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.

If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit **emergencyalert.gov.au** and watch the video (it's in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit **emergency.vic.gov.au**
- Download the **FireReady** app
- Go to **facebook.com/cfavic**
- Follow **@CFA_Updates** on Twitter

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