



Issuing warnings - a guide

Industrial Fire



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Industrial fire templates are to be used for factory/building/waste management facility/recycling facility fires with hazardous materials inside, such as chemicals, or products which produce more toxic smoke than normal.

Templates should be chosen based on action statements. When deciding which template to use, ask yourself 'what do I want the community to do?'. Use the relevant business rules for more information.

Contact the WADO for 24/7 warnings support: 1300 877 990

Action Statement

Warning Level

Use

Stay Informed

Community Info

An incident has occurred. There is no threat to people, but information needs to be communicated about the situation.

Advice

Limited information is available, or the incident has minimal impact but requires people to stay informed as the situation may change.

Stay Indoors

Watch and Act

There is a heightened level of threat. People need to take protective action.

Emergency Warning

Impact is imminent; the safest option is to take shelter indoors immediately. Second use is following an evacuation message to advise the time to evacuate is over and it's now too late to leave - in this case the relevant drag and drop must be used.

Leave Immediately

People are in imminent danger and there is no time for a formal evacuation.

Threat is Reduced

Advice

The threat has subsided and people may return to normal activity. Must be issued following a Watch and Act and Emergency Warning (unless first downgraded to an Advice - Stay Informed). Do not issue following an Advice or Community Information.

Evacuation messages can only be used when a formal evacuation process is in place as per JSOP 3.12

Prepare to Evacuate

Watch and Act

Lives and property will be threatened. There is adequate time to prepare to evacuate and start early evacuation.

Evacuate Immediately

Emergency Warning

Lives and property will be / are being threatened. Impact is imminent (less than 12 hours). People must leave ASAP.

**Threat is Reduced
(Safe to Return)**

Advice

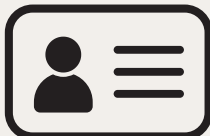
The threat has subsided and people may return to the area. Must be issued at the end of any evacuation template.



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Additional information



EM-COP incident name

Subhazard-Widely Known Location-Local reference

Example: IndustrialFire-Footscray-BallaratRd



Location - Area list v Area name

Area list: Ensure that only towns in the polygon are selected. Untick as required. Consider using area name if many towns are selected.

Area name: Describe the location between two points, or list key towns in the polygon and write 'and surrounds' at the end. Be specific with higher level warnings to help community understanding. Eg 'Loch Sport township'



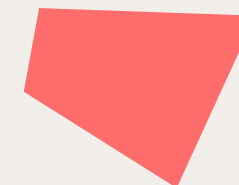
Authorisation

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Issuer: Local issuer, state WADO,
FRV DCC
Authoriser: IC or delegate (SDO)

Line of Control

Issuer: ICC/RCC/SCC IWO or PIO
Authoriser: IC, RC, SRC or
delegated to relevant PIO



Polygons

Vertex polygons are preferred for higher-level warnings, or when smoke is drifting in a specific direction. Be precise - when you are telling people to leave or take shelter, do not stretch the polygon larger than necessary. Consider an Advice message for neighbouring areas.

Circles may be used when the precise area of impact is not known (Community Information or Advice).



Review and expiry time

Note: These are a guide and can be adjusted based on what is appropriate for the incident. These are subject to the discretion of the Incident Controller or delegated authoriser.

Template	Recommended review time	Recommended expiry time
Evacuate Immediately / Prepare to Evacuate	30 minutes	At IC discretion
Emergency Warning		2 hours
Watch and Act	Review if still current 2 hours after issue or as required if issues for longer than 6 hours	4-6 hours or at IC discretion
Advice	4 hours	6-24 hours
Community Information	N/A	12 hours