



National  
Operational  
Guidance

## Control measure

**Commence information gathering**



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### Control measure knowledge

It is crucial that as far as reasonably possible the precise location of the wildfire, direction of firespread, site hazards and weather conditions are identified and communicated in a timely manner to all arriving resources and other responding agencies or services.

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Provide suitable maps and/or mapping systems - refer to National Operational Guidance: [Operations](#) for information about mobilising
- Provide personnel with access to weather forecasts and reports

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Establish the precise location of the wildfire
- Establish the direction and rate of firespread - refer to the Hazard: [Fire behaviour](#)
- Determine suitable access routes for vehicles - refer to the Hazard: [Moving, using and entrapment of vehicles](#)
- Communicate information to the fire control room, arriving resources and any other responding agencies or services, including information such as:
  - Easily identifiable fixed reference points on the landscape (i.e. natural or manmade features such as hills, streams, roads or buildings)
  - Map references in an appropriate format
- Consider using local knowledge, wildfire fire plans and/or Site-Specific Risk Information(SSRI)



- Implement the [LACES safety protocol](#) and deploy team and tactical lookouts at the earliest opportunity
- Consider using aerial observation to gain situational awareness