



# Road Closures During Natural Disasters



**While the natural disaster may no longer be a threat, you may not be able to return to your home immediately due to road closures.**

Roads are closed to protect you from dangerous hazards that can occur because of a disaster such as a bushfire, flood, storm or cyclone. These hazards can include downed powerlines, fallen trees and road surface damage.

Before opening a road, contractors, utility providers and DFES crews will closely inspect the road to ensure all hazards have been cleared.

Once the road is deemed safe for road users, it will be reopened. This can take several days after the disaster has passed.

**You can check which roads are open or closed by visiting:**

- [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)
- [travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au](https://www.travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au)



**For your safety and the safety of emergency crews, you must never use back tracks or unsealed roads to get around road closures.**

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## Restricted Access Permits

A Restricted Access Permit allows entry, exit and potentially re-entry to the incident affected area for a period of time for a specified purpose.






This may be issued to residents, business owners, utility companies or other approved persons to:

- Manage live electricity, downed power lines or conduct other recovery operations
- Collect valuables, medications and/or pets
- Transport things like milk, water, stock feed and store supplies
- Tend to animal welfare
- Undertake other approved activities.



**More information will be provided through Emergency WA if Restricted Access Permits are required to be issued for the incident.**

### Stay informed:

-  [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://emergency.wa.gov.au)
-  dfeswa
-  dfes\_wa
-  13 DFES (13 3337)
-  Local ABC Radio

