

Make Technology Part of your Emergency Plan



Ongoing Support

Leep offers free one-on-one support from a volunteer Tech Mate who can assist you on a phone, laptop or tablet.

These sessions give you a chance to learn about technology at your own pace in a relaxed environment.

To view our program locations, please visit www.leep.ngo/digital-inclusion

**To book a session,
call 1300 163 106**

Become a volunteer

If you would like to be a Tech Mate and contribute to closing the digital divide, please visit

www.leep.ngo/volunteering

Official Information Sources

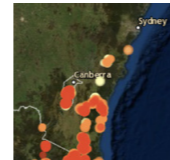
NSW RFS Fires Near Me App

- View the location and spread of fires on a map
- View the alert level of a fire (Emergency Warning, Watch and Act, Alert and Non-Applicable)
- Set watch zones to receive notifications about changing conditions near you



DEA Hotspots

- View detailed fire mapping data to illustrate the current locations and spread of fires
- Updated more regularly than Fires Near Me App



LiveTraffic NSW

- Information about road closures, traffic incidents and travelling conditions
- The app has an inbuilt navigation tool to provide adjusted directions in the event of road closures



Protecting Yourself from Scams

Donating Money to Causes

- Before donating to a charity, verify the legitimacy of the organisation by checking if it is listed on www.acnc.gov.au/charity
- Crowdfunding campaigns are a popular method of fundraising, usually coordinated by individuals or small groups. Be aware that the money you donate to these campaigns may not be trackable.
- Do not respond to cold calls or SMS messages from anyone claiming to be from a charity, as this is likely to be a scam.
- Alert your bank immediately if you think you have been scammed.
- Visit www.scamwatch.gov.au for more information.

Fake News

- Be aware that some information shared online is unverified and untrue.
- If information seems odd, or comes from a source you don't recognise, it may be fake news. Only trust information from verified sources, some of which are listed on the page opposite.

Social Media

Facebook

Facebook is a handy way to access information about emergency situations quickly. It also has features that enable users to mark themselves as safe during emergency situations and access assistance.

Official Pages

- NSW RFS
- NSW Incident Alerts
- LiveTraffic NSW
- NSW Police Force

Local Agency Pages

- Local Council Page
- Local RFS Page
- Local Federal and State Members Pages

Local Media Pages

- Some pages claim to be a trustworthy news sources, but often spread untrue information.
- Search the name of your local paper on Facebook (eg. Lithgow Mercury), and follow the page of the same name. Often fake news sites will have similar names to official sources.

Additional Resources

Weather Apps

- This app can give you information on the temperature, chance of rain and thunderstorm alerts.
- **'Windy'** is a free downloadable weather app with detailed forecasts for wind, temperature, precipitation, active fires, air quality and more.
- Monitoring weather apps can be handy as you can prepare for days that present high-risk danger, such as high temperatures and high winds.



Flight Radars

- Flight radar apps can give you information on the types of aircraft flying near you and their purpose. This can be handy as you can view where helicopters, water tankers and support aircraft are operating.
- The app **'Flightradar24'** is free to download and provides detailed information on aircraft and flight paths.

