

BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

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INFORMATION SHEET

Personal details

Property Owner / Property Name:

Address:

Who lives here? List names and contact numbers for each person affected by this plan.

Other Considerations

There are a range of other things to be considered regardless of your decision to leave early or stay:

1. Firefighting equipment (such as pumps, hoses and sprinkler systems) should be tested regularly and maintained in maximum operational working condition.
2. Firefighters may need access to your property during a bushfire. So, it is in your best interests to allow enough space for fire trucks (4 metres wide by 4 metres high).
3. Your pets, livestock, and other animals require proper care and attention during fires. Consider food, medication, transportation and sleeping arrangements for your animals.

Have a contingency plan

Have a contingency plan – what will you do if you can't activate your Bushfire Survival Plan? Remember that leaving late can lead to loss of life. Know where your nearest NSP is and how to get there.

List name, contact and policy/account details to remember you:

Insurer & Policy No

Electricity

Gas

Phone

Work

School

Council

Internet

Other

Take Charge

Someone must take charge and lead other family members through this emotional experience by carefully communicating the various tasks set out in the plan. Know who is going to leave early and who is going to stay.



Leaving?

Leaving early will always be the safest option for you and your family. It is extremely important for you to prepare a detailed leave-early plan to ensure everyone understands what to do and when. Use the boxes below to list tasks to do.

Who will leave early?

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When to go – Think of different triggers that will cause you and your family to leave early. Think about what you will do if you have sent the children to school that day. Think about whether or not you will have to travel from work into the fire zone.

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Where to go – Identify one or more safer locations. Consider putting on personal protective clothing before you leave home.

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How to get there – What roads will you take to your destination? Have an alternative route if your first choice is impassable.

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What to take – Make a list of your most valuable items (e.g. insurance papers, electronic records, photo albums, passports, birth certificates and other important information).

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Staying?

Anyone who is not going to leave early must be involved in completing this stay-and-defend plan to ensure they know what to do. Every stay plan will be different depending on your circumstances. Use the boxes below to list tasks to do.

Who will stay?

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Before the fire approaches – Start getting yourself and your property ready for a bushfire.

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As the fire approaches – Prepare for ember attack on or near your home. Remember to put on personal protective clothing.

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As the fire front arrives – Stay safe by monitoring the fire from inside your home.

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After the fire passed – Patrol your property and extinguish any spot fires or burning embers. You may need to keep this up for several hours.

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