

BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Create your Bushfire Survival Plan

Personal Details

Name:

Address:

Lot / Plan No.:

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

Take charge

Someone must take charge and lead the household 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.

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 Neighbourhood Safer Place is and how to get there.

Other considerations

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

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

Emergency Contacts

List name, contact, account or policy details to remember your:

Insurer:

Electricity Provider:

Gas Provider:

Phone Company:

Internet Provider:

Work:

School:

Local Council:

Neighbours:

Other:

Leaving?

Leaving early will always be the safest option for your household. 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.

Who will leave early?

Pets:

When will they go?

Think of different triggers that will cause your household to leave early. What will you do if you have sent the children to school that day? Will you have to travel from work into the fire zone?

Where will they go?

Identify one or more safer locations. Consider putting on protective clothing before leaving.

How will they get there?

Identify a travel route to your destination. Have an alternative route if your first choice is impassable.

What will they take?

Make a list of important items to take (such as insurance papers, electronic records, passports, photo albums, birth certificates).

Staying?

Anyone who is not going to leave early must be involved in completing a 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.

Who will stay?

What is the plan for livestock and pets?

Before the fire approaches:

How will you get yourself and your property ready?

As the fire approaches:

What steps will you take so you and your home can withstand the fire?

As the fire front arrives:

Where will you safely monitor the fire from inside your home?

After the fire has passed:

What areas of your property will you check for spot fires and burning embers?