

Firey Women

BUSHFIRE SAFETY FOR RURAL WOMEN



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The CFS has developed a workshop designed to provide women with a safe inclusive setting to learn new skills to protect their families and livelihoods.

These workshops provide both information and practical skills over two days or four evenings.

The aim is to assist women to take important steps towards empowering and protecting themselves, their family and their community.

Participants are provided with course materials including a detailed workbook and Bushfire Survival Plan template. This information can also be accessed from the CFS website.

Workshop topics include:

- Understanding bushfire behaviour
- Understanding Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire warnings
- Deciding when to 'leave early' or 'actively stay and defend'
- Preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan
- Preparing yourself emotionally and physically for a bushfire
- Preventing injury
- Preparing survival kits
- Identifying hazards around the home
- Operating pumps and fire fighting equipment.

“I made the decision to leave as soon as I realised the fire was heading this way. The Firey women course helped me make the decision. I felt so empowered and in control”

Roxanne - Yorke Peninsula



Why a program for women?

Research has shown that:

- There are differences in skills, knowledge, experience, roles and behaviours between men and women in regard to bushfire
- Those with fire fighting skills (generally men) are either fighting the fire or protecting the larger property / neighbourhood / district
- People are generally poorly prepared for bushfires
- Many people are unaware of what to do and how to be prepared
- Many people underestimate the risk and over estimate their capacity
- Women and children are more likely to evacuate. Late evacuations are a major cause of death and injury
- Most people do not plan for a bushfire, nor do they expect one
- Women and children make up a large percentage of people killed by bushfires

Firey Women is a free CFS workshop providing information and hands-on practice

For more information

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