

8 After the fire



Bushfire Safety Guide



Easy to read



**Government of
South Australia**





When can you go home?

You must check it is safe before you go home.



Check on the

- TV



- radio



- CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.sa



- Bushfire Information Hotline

Phone 1800 362 361.



Be ready for what you might see.

Take someone with you.



Watch out for

- powerlines on the ground
- branches on the ground
- things still burning
- animals
- broken walls, roads and bridges.



Leave your house **straight away** if you smell

- gas
- something burning
- open sewage

or if you see

- hot embers
- live electricity
- low trees or tree branches
- broken parts of your house.

What to do when you cannot live in your house



Call the Recovery Hotline

1800 302 787

for help with emergency relief and recovery.

Emergency services may still be working in the area.



How to look after burns and injuries

- Read and do First Aid tips
- Keep yourself safe
- Move other people from danger
- If your clothes are on fire you need to stop cover drop roll
- Hold your burn under cold running water for 20 minutes



Call 000 when there is an emergency.



How to look after your health

An emergency can make you stressed.

Look after yourself so you can feel better.



- Talk about what has happened to you
- Talk to your children about how they feel
- Make sure you and your family are safe
- Do normal things if you can. For example,
 - shopping
 - cooking
 - work
- Spend time with people you care about
- Take time to rest. Do things you enjoy
- Get information about
 - how people feel after a bushfire
 - how long it might take to feel better



You may **not** feel better. Get help from a professional. For example, a

- psychologist
- doctor
- special emergency worker.



More information



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Phone 1800 362 361



TTY phone 133 677

then ask for 1800 362 361



National Relay Service

Phone 1300 555 727

then ask for 1800 362 361



Website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

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Emergencies and Safety



Go to your local Bushfire Blitz meeting.
Join or start a Community Fire Safe group for your area.

You can also use social media.



- Facebook
www.facebook.com/countryfireservice



- Twitter @CFSTalk

Scope's Communication Resource Centre wrote the Easy English in August 2013. www.scopevic.org.au

To see the original book, contact the Country Fire Service (CFS).

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