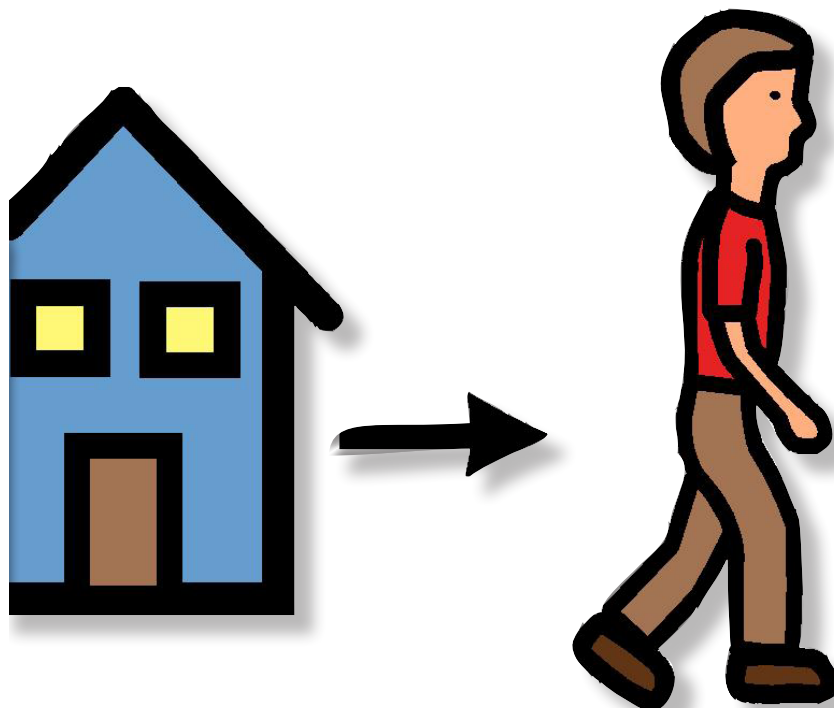
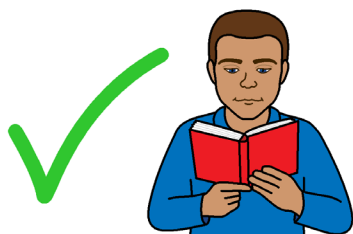


9 Information book - Leave early



Bushfire Safety Guide

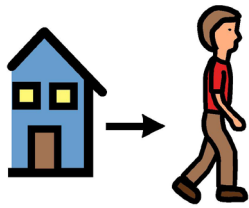


Easy to read



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South Australia**





Leaving early

Leaving early is the safest thing to do.

If you try to leave your house at the last minute, you could die.



Practise your Bushfire Plan.

For example,

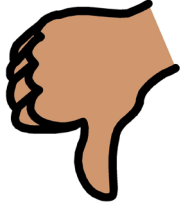
- practise how you will pack your car
- make sure your radio works
- check you know where you will go.



Only plan to stay and defend if your property is fire ready.



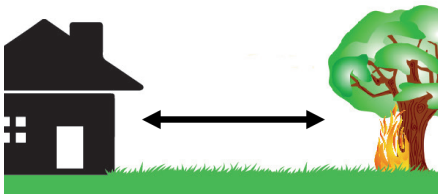
Is your property fire ready?



If you say no to any of these questions you should leave early. For more information about these questions read **book 3 - Get ready.**



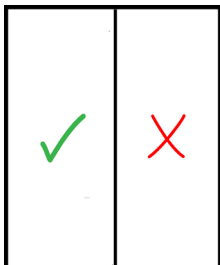
1 Is your house in a low risk area?



2 Does your house have defensible space?

This means there is clear space up to

- 20 metres from your house
- 5 metres from your shed or garage.



3 Does your house meet the building rules for bushfire areas?

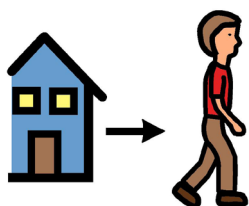
For more information call your local council.



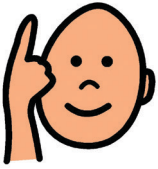
- 4 Do you have the tools you need to fight a bushfire? For example,
- extra water in a dam
 - pumps
 - firefighting hoses.



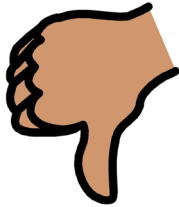
- 5 Do you have 2 or more adults to defend your property?



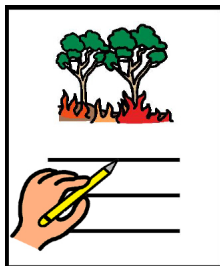
- 6 Can everyone at the house look after themselves? You should leave early if you
- or**
- someone you care for has
- asthma or breathing problems
 - a heart problem
 - a disability
 - mental health problems
- or is**
- a child
 - old.



7 Do you know what to do when the fire comes?



If you said **no** to any of these questions you should **leave early**.



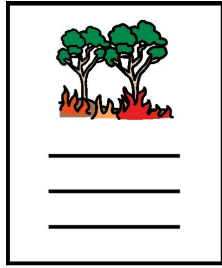
Write your Bushfire Plan

This part tells you what to

- think about
- and**
- write in your Bushfire Plan.

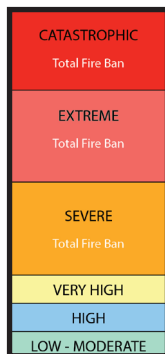
Write your Bushfire Plan in

book 11 - My Bushfire Plan - Leave early.



When you will start your Bushfire Plan

Know your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



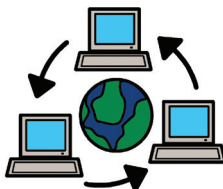
Fire Danger Ratings say how bad the bushfire will be. Use the Fire Danger Rating to work out when to start your Bushfire Plan.



Find out the Fire Danger Rating for tomorrow after 4pm. Find out on



- TV news



Website www.cfs.sa.gov.sa



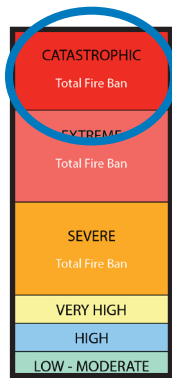
- Bushfire Information Hotline
phone 1800 362 361
TTY 131 677



- Facebook
www.facebook.com/countryfireservice

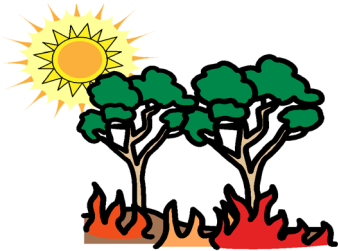


- Twitter @CFSTalk

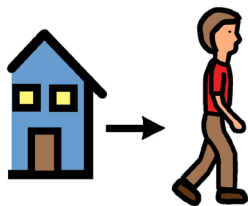


Catastrophic Fire Danger Days

This is the bright red colour.



If a bushfire starts it will be the worst kind of bushfire. It is a Total Fire Ban day.

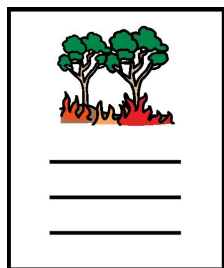


Your only safe choice is to leave early.

This means leave

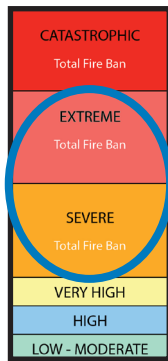
- the night before
- or**
- in the morning.

Houses are **not** made to survive in a bushfire.



Do **not** wait for a warning.

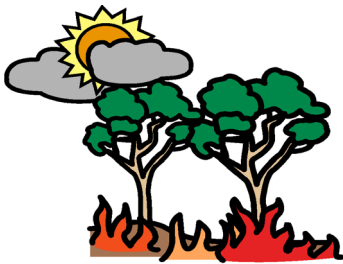
Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



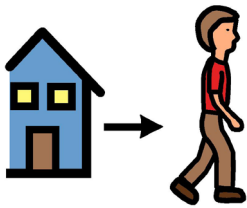
Extreme or Severe Fire Danger Days

These are the

- light red colour
- and
- orange colour.



If a bushfire starts it will be a very big bushfire.
They are Total Fire Ban days.



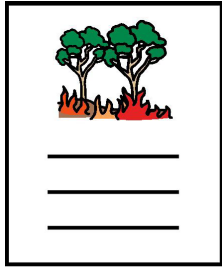
You should leave early. This means leave

- the night before
- or
- in the morning.



Only stay if

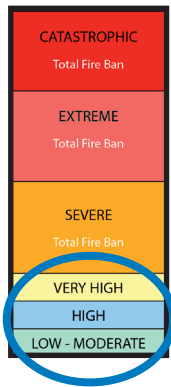
- your house and land are ready
- you can fight the bushfire.



Do **not** wait for a warning.

- Extreme
- or**
- Severe Fire Danger Rating

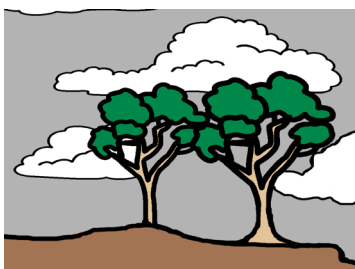
is your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



Very High, High or Low Moderate Fire Danger Rating

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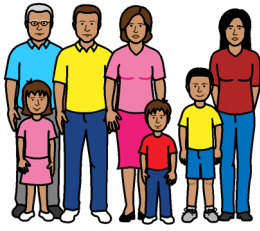
- yellow colour
- blue colour
- or**
- green colour.



There could still be a bushfire on these days.

Be ready. Check your Bushfire Plan.

Get ready to act.



Who will leave early with you?

Plan who you will leave with. Your

- children
- neighbour
- grandparents.

Where can you go?



The CFS has a list of places you might go to.

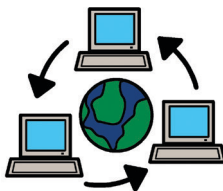
They are called **Bushfire Safer Places**.

How to get the list



Bushfire Information Hotline

phone 1800 362 361



Website www.cfs.sa.gov.au



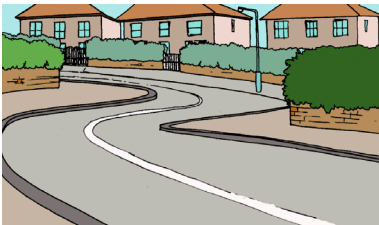
The safest place

The inner suburbs of Adelaide are the safest place. The CFS call inner suburbs

Bushfire Safer Places.

Inner suburbs of Adelaide are safer because they have

- lots of buildings
- roads
- only a few trees.



Places that may not be safe

Outer suburbs of Adelaide may **not** be safe.

- There are lots of trees and plants
- Burning twigs can blow around in the wind.

They might land on a house and start a fire

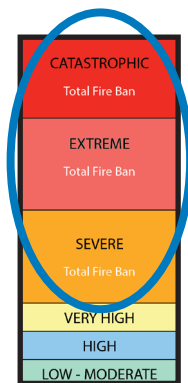
Places that may be safe

- Some outer suburbs
- and**
- large towns
- might be ok.

The CFS call

- outer suburbs
- and**
- large towns

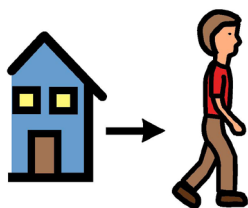
Bushfire Safer Places. Check with the CFS where you can go.



If the Fire Danger Rating is

- Catastrophic
- Extreme
- Severe

Leaving early is the safest thing to do.



Go to **Bushfire Safer Places**

- the night before
- or**
- in the morning.

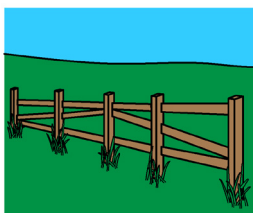


Last Resort Refuge

This is only your back up plan. Last Resort Refuge is **not** your first choice. You may be stuck in town. You can **not** leave.

- you get scared
- the bushfire comes too fast
- it is **not** safe to drive
- you get sick.

A Last Resort Refuge is a safer place in your town. For example, a



- paddock
- or**
- oval
- with **no** trees.

Find the Last Resort Refuge near you.

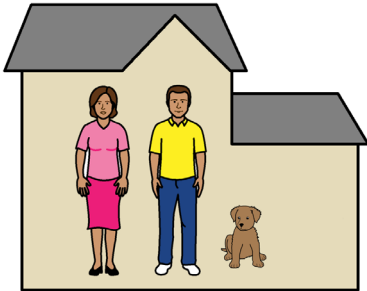
Check with the CFS.



Last Resort Refuge is very dangerous. You will be close to the bushfire. You might die.

It is safer to leave early. Go to

- the inner suburbs
- a safe outer suburb
- a safe large town
- a house that is fire ready.



You may get stuck at your house.

- Stay inside your house
- You need 2 ways to get out of a room
- Check for small fires in your house
- Tell someone you are at home



If your house is on fire leave your house. Go

- to a black bit of ground
- where the fire has burnt.



How will you leave?

Plan the way you will go. Plan a back up way.

The roads might be busy or blocked.

You can

- use your car
- go with neighbours
- go by local bus.



Take your emergency kit.



Tell

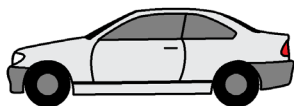
- friends
 - family
- and**
- your neighbours

about your Bushfire Plan.

This will help other people know

- you are ready for fire
- where to find you during a fire.

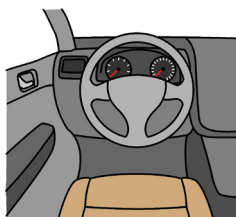
You get stuck in your car



What to do



- Stay in your car
- Drive to clear ground
- Park **off** the road



- Close windows and air vents
- Turn off the air conditioning and engine



- Get on the floor of your car
- Put a wool blanket over you

What to do after the fire has gone



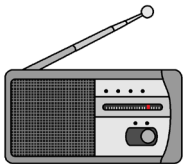
When can you go home?

You must check it is safe before you go home.

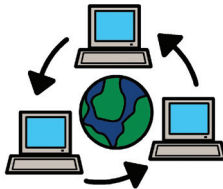


Check on the

- TV



- radio

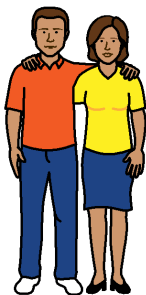


- CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.sa



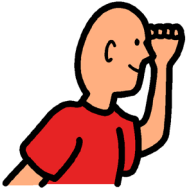
- Bushfire Information Hotline

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.



There are other books you might need to read

All of these books are part of the Bushfire Safety Guide.

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Understand how fire acts
- 3 Get ready. This book tells you how to get your house and land ready for bushfire.

Fact sheets

- 4 Fire Danger Ratings and Warnings.
This tells you when to start your plan
- 5 Safer places
- 6 Going on a holiday
- 7 Emergency Kit
- 8 After the fire

Plan for Bushfire

- 9 Information book - Leave early
- 10 Information book - Stay and defend
- 11 My Bushfire Plan - Leave early
- 12 My Bushfire Plan - Stay and defend



More information



Bushfire Information Hotline

Phone 1800 362 361



TTY phone 133 677

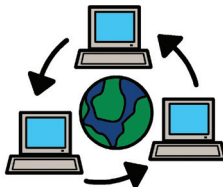
then ask for 1800 362 361



National Relay Service

Phone 1300 555 727

then ask for 1800 362 361



Website www.cfs.sa.gov.au



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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