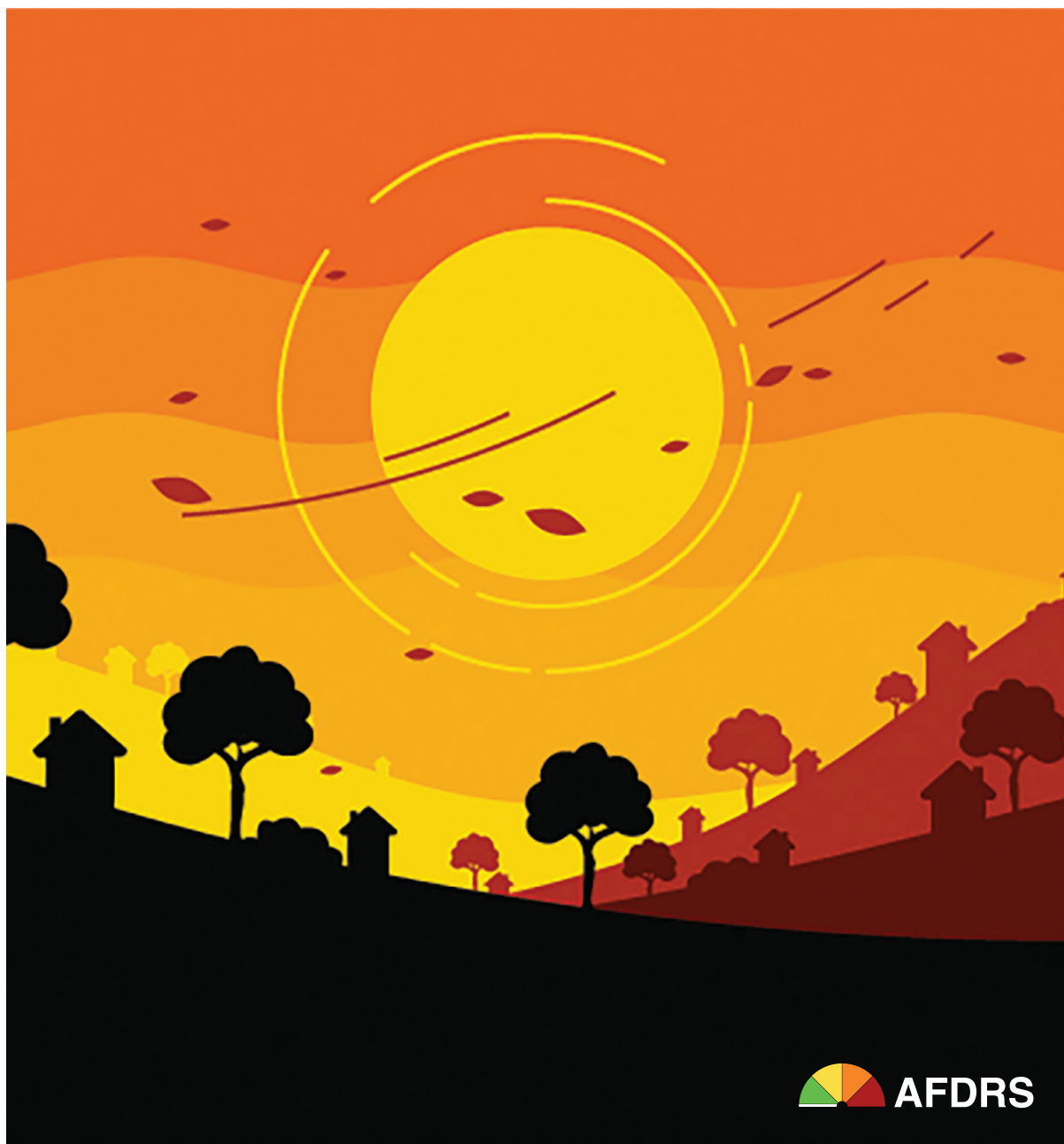


Bushfire Safety Information



 **AFDRS**



Easy to read



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Do bushfires happen near me?



Bushfires happen in South Australia because of

- dry, hot weather
- strong winds
- winds that change direction
- lightning and accidents.



A bushfire can start quickly.

A small bushfire can grow into a big bushfire.

You might not get a warning.

A bushfire could affect you.



Do you go near any of these places?

Think about

- where you live
- where you work
- where you visit.

Do bushfires happen near me?

Bushfires happen in all of these places.



- Bush and forest



- Suburbs near the bush



- Grassland



- Near the beach



- On a hill

Why are bushfires a danger?



Your house can burn.



Radiant heat from a bushfire

- is a danger
- can make you sick
- can kill you.



In a bushfire, you can

- get scared
- get stuck in a car
- get burnt or hurt
- die.



Driving is a danger

- Day time looks like night time
- A bushfire can block roads
- Smoke makes it hard to see
- It is not safe to drive.

Why are bushfires a danger?

A bushfire can make embers and sparks.

The wind blows the embers fast.

The embers can go in front of the fire and all around you.

New fires start from the embers.

They are called **spot fires**.

Spot fires

- are a danger
- make a fire get bigger and faster.



Why are bushfires a danger?



Smoke from a bushfire

- is a danger
- is made from dirt and ash
- may be toxic.



Smoke from a bushfire

- makes it hard to breathe
- can make people sick
- can kill people who are not well

For example, people who have asthma or heart problems.



When there is a fire the power may go out.

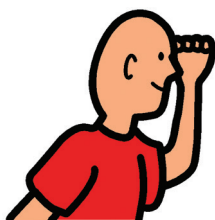
Your power, home phone, mobile phone and internet may not work.

You cannot call people.

What does CFS say?



Be careful in the Fire Danger Season.
Look after yourself and your property.



You must check for fire

- Look and smell for smoke
- Look and listen for fire
- Check for warnings and information
- Talk to your neighbours.

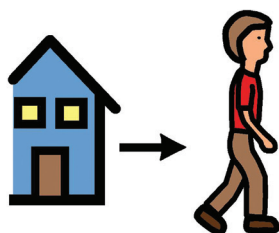
Fire can come

- quickly
- with no warning.



The CFS may not come to your property

- the fire may be too big
- there are too many houses.



Leaving early is the safest thing to do.

Go to Bushfire Safer Places

- on a danger day
- when there is a fire.

Where do I go?



CFS says some places are safer.

These are called **Bushfire Safer Places**.

You must know a safer place you can go to

- inner suburbs of Adelaide
- large country towns
- some outer suburbs.



Bushfire Safer Places are safer because they have

- lots of buildings and roads
- short grass
- only a few trees.



Find out

- your nearest Bushfire Safer Place
- how you will get there
- who will help you leave early.

You must leave early to stay safe.

Go to Bushfire Safer Places

- the night before or
- in the morning.

What if I get stuck?



You may be stuck where you are.

You can not leave.

You need more choices when

- it is too dangerous to drive
- someone gets sick
- things change.



If you can **not** get to a Bushfire Safer Place.

Go to a **Bushfire Last Resort Refuge**.

This is not your first choice.

A Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is a

- paddock

or

- oval

with no trees.

They are marked with a sign.

A Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is very dangerous.

You will be close to the bushfire.

You might die.

Find the Bushfire Safer Place and Bushfire Last Resort Refuge near you.

Check on the CFS website.

What if I get stuck?

You may be stuck at a house.

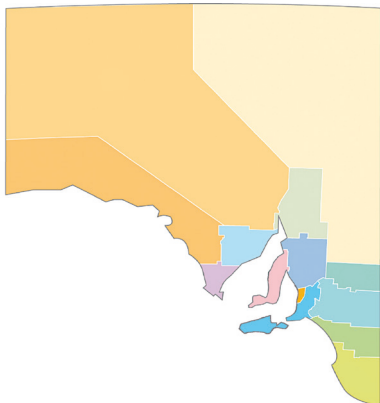
You can not leave.

Take shelter in the house.

- Stay inside the house
- You need two ways to get out of a room
- Check for small fires in the house
- Tell someone where you are
- Talk to the neighbours.



What are the rules?

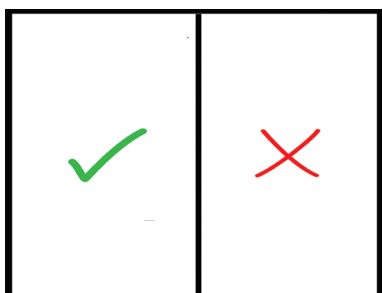


In Fire Danger Season

There are 15 bushfire areas in South Australia. CFS call the areas Fire Ban Districts.

You must know

- the Fire Danger Season for your area
- when there is a Total Fire Ban in your area.



In the Fire Danger Season

- there is more danger
- there are rules
- from November to the end of April.



You must not burn off

- grass
- weeds
- leaves

You must not use fireworks.

What are the rules?



On a Total Fire Ban day

You must not light any fires.

This means

- no campfires
- no wood BBQs
- no charcoal cookers
- no wood pizza ovens.



You can use a BBQ on Total Fire Ban days at a house if the BBQ uses

- gas
- or
- electricity

You must have

- four metres of clear space around the BBQ
- a person ready with water or a fire extinguisher.

You must live at the house.

* A caravan is not a house.

Where can I find information?



You must check for bushfire warnings on

- your local ABC radio
- phone
- computer.



You must find information on your

- Bushfire Safer Place
- Bushfire Last Resort Refuge
- Fire Ban District.



There are different ways to find information

- CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au.
- radio
- phone
- TV.



Ask for help from

- friends
- neighbours
- family.

Where can I find information?



Information Hotline

Phone 1800 362 361



Your radio.

For example:

- ABC
- FiveAA



TTY phone 133 677

then ask for 1800 362 361



National Relay Service

Phone 1300 555 727

then ask for 1800 362 361



Social Media

www.facebook.com/countryfireservice

or www.facebook.com/cfsupdates

Twitter

@CFSTalk

What do the warning messages mean?



Bushfire Advice message

- A fire has started
- You are not in danger now
- This may change.



Bushfire Watch and Act message

- A fire is coming
- Things are changing
- Act now to protect you and your family.



Bushfire Emergency Warning message

- You are in danger
- The fire will come to you. Act now
- You must do what the warning says.

Phone messages



In an emergency you may get a message on

- a home phone
- a mobile phone.



You must do what the warning says.

Remember your phone may stop working.

You may **not** get a message.



In an emergency ring 000.

How can I learn more?



Before a fire happens, ask for help.

- Contact CFS
- Go to a bushfire information meeting
- Email
CFS.CommunityEngagementSupport
@eso.sa.gov.au
- Call 08 8115 3319



Talk to your

- friends, family and neighbours
- carers
- community group
- local council



Practise your Bushfire Plan.

- Practise how you will leave early
- Make sure your radio works
- Check where you will go
- Check how you will get there.

How do I get ready?



Talk to your friends and family

- about bushfire
- what you will do
- how you will stay safe.

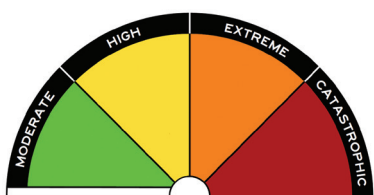


It is good to write this down.

You can write your Bushfire Plan.

This will help other people know

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



Use the Fire Danger Rating to work out when to start your Bushfire Plan.

If a fire starts, the Fire Danger Ratings say how bad the bushfire will be.

If the Fire Danger Rating is

- Catastrophic
- Extreme

Leaving early is the safest thing to do.

Write your Bushfire Survival Plan



Write your plan to leave early or stay and defend.

Ask a

– friend

or

– family member

to help you write your plan.



Write today's date here



Write phone numbers here



Emergency 000

Doctor _____

School _____

Vet _____

Bank _____

Insurance company _____

Policy number _____

Water company _____



Electricity company _____

Gas company _____

Local council _____

Family and friends

Name	Phone number





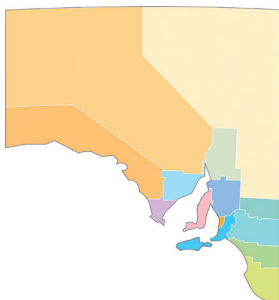
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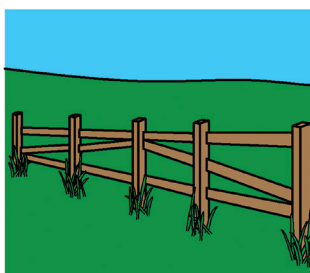
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Our fire ban district is



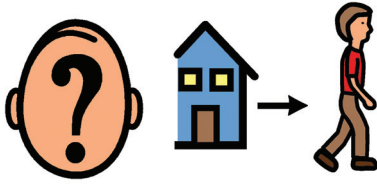
Our nearest Bushfire Safer Place is



Our nearest Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is



Who is going to leave early?

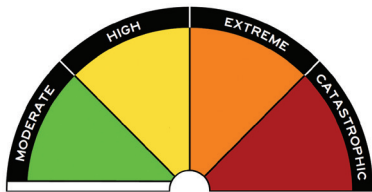


Who is going to stay and defend?



Name	Phone number





What is your sign to start your plan?

Know the Fire Danger Rating.

- Catastrophic is the bright red colour
- Extreme is the orange colour
- High is the yellow colour
- Moderate is the green colour

You will start your Bushfire Plan - Stay and defend when the Fire Danger Rating is

You will start your Bushfire Plan - Leave early when the Fire Danger Rating is





Before the fire.

What you will do



The fire is in your area.

What you will do





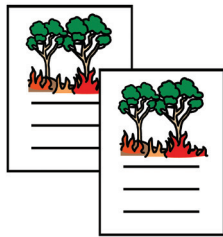
The fire is at your house.

What you will do



After the fire. What you will do





Your plan if you have to leave

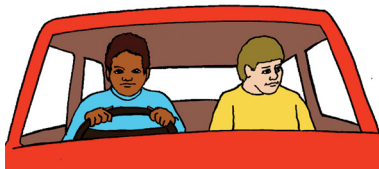


When you will go





Where you will go



How you will get there





What you need to take

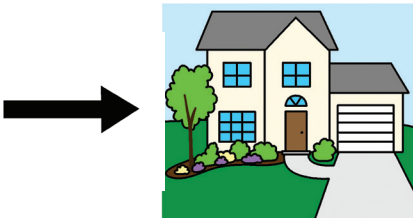


What will you do with your pets?



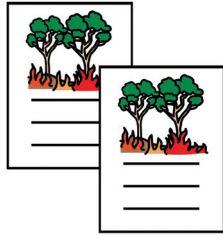


People you will tell



When you can go back home



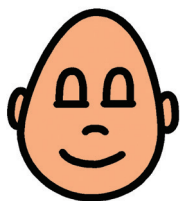


**Your plan if you
get stuck at home**



What will you do?

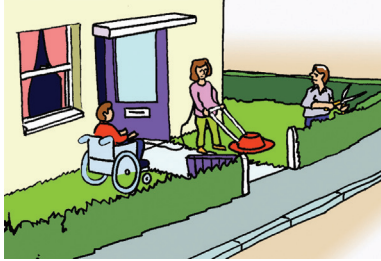




**Recovery. How you will look after
yourself after the fire**



**Let's get ready- what you can do at home
before the fire season**



**What will you do to clear the
space around your house?**



How will you practice your plan?



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