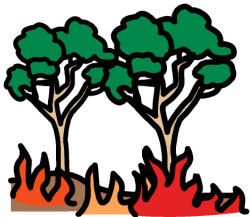
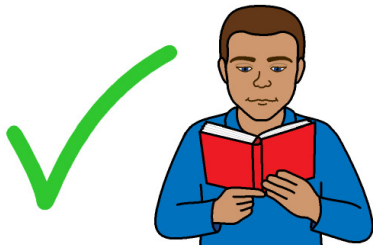


# 1 Introduction

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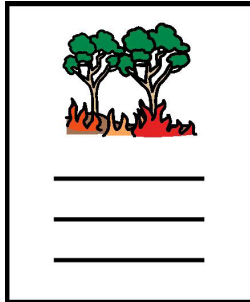


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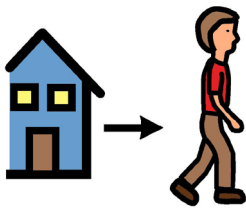


You can survive a bushfire.

You must

- get your house and land ready
- have a Bushfire Plan.

This guide will help you plan for a bushfire.



**Leave early.** This picture means leave early.

You leave **before** the bushfire comes. You must leave early to stay safe.



**Stay and defend.** This picture means stay and defend your home. The bushfire is coming.

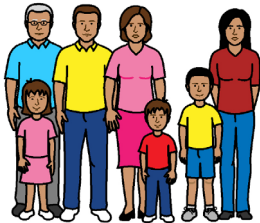
The picture shows

- stay at home
- work hard to defend your home.

You must choose to

- leave early
- or**
- stay and defend.

You must leave early to stay safe.



**Keep you and your family safe**



Understand how a bushfire acts.

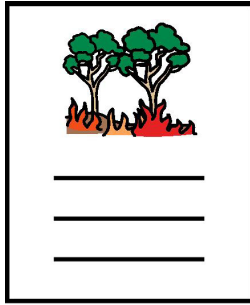


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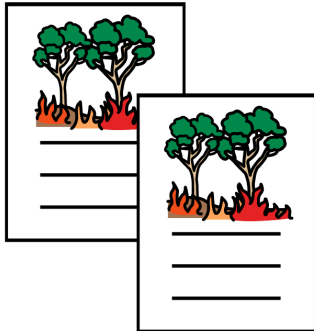
Fire Danger Ratings say how bad the bushfire will be.

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



Do your Bushfire Plan. Fires are scary. It is hard to make good decisions.

Do your Bushfire Plan **before** November.



You also need a back up Bushfire Plan.

Things go wrong.

- You get scared
- The bushfire comes too fast
- It is **not** safe to drive
- You get sick.



Keep your Bushfire Plan in a place that is easy to find. Practise your Bushfire Plan.





Get your

- house

**and**

- land

ready for bushfire.



Make an emergency kit.



Read all the books in

The Bushfire Safety Guide. There are 12 books. This book is only the first book.

You might need help to

- read the books

**and**

- write your plan.

Ask a

- friend

**or**

- family member.



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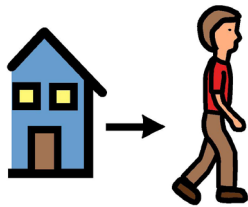
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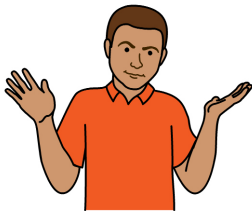
### People leave too late

Many people get stuck

- in their cars
- trying to run away.



You **must** leave early to stay safe.



### People do not plan



You must

- do your Bushfire Plan
- do a back up Bushfire Plan
- practise your Bushfire Plan
- check you have all the equipment you need.



## More information



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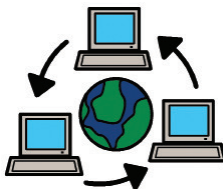
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## 2 Understand how fire acts



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## What makes fire burn?



To know how to prepare your property you must understand how fire acts.



### Vegetation

Vegetation is

- shrubs
- grass
- trees.

Vegetation burns. It is fuel for fire.



You must clear fuel.

Read **book 3 Get ready.**





## Weather

Sun makes a bushfire hot.



Wind makes a bushfire burn fast.

South Australia has

- dry, hot weather
- strong winds
- winds that change direction.



## Hills

Fire burns

- fast
- and**
- hot
- up hills.



This house on a hill is in danger in a bushfire.



## Radiant heat

Radiant heat is



- heat you feel from a fire
- hot air.



Radiant heat from a

- campfire

or

- stove

makes you feel warm.



Radiant heat from bushfire is very strong.



You can feel it far away.



People get sick from the heat.



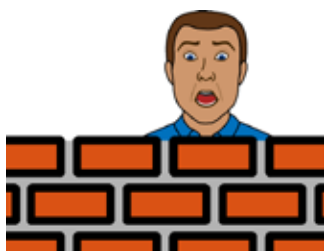
Radiant heat can kill people.



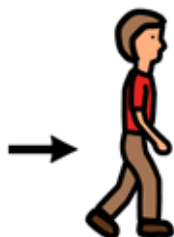
## How to stay safe from radiant heat



- Go inside



- Go behind a solid wall.  
For example, brick or concrete



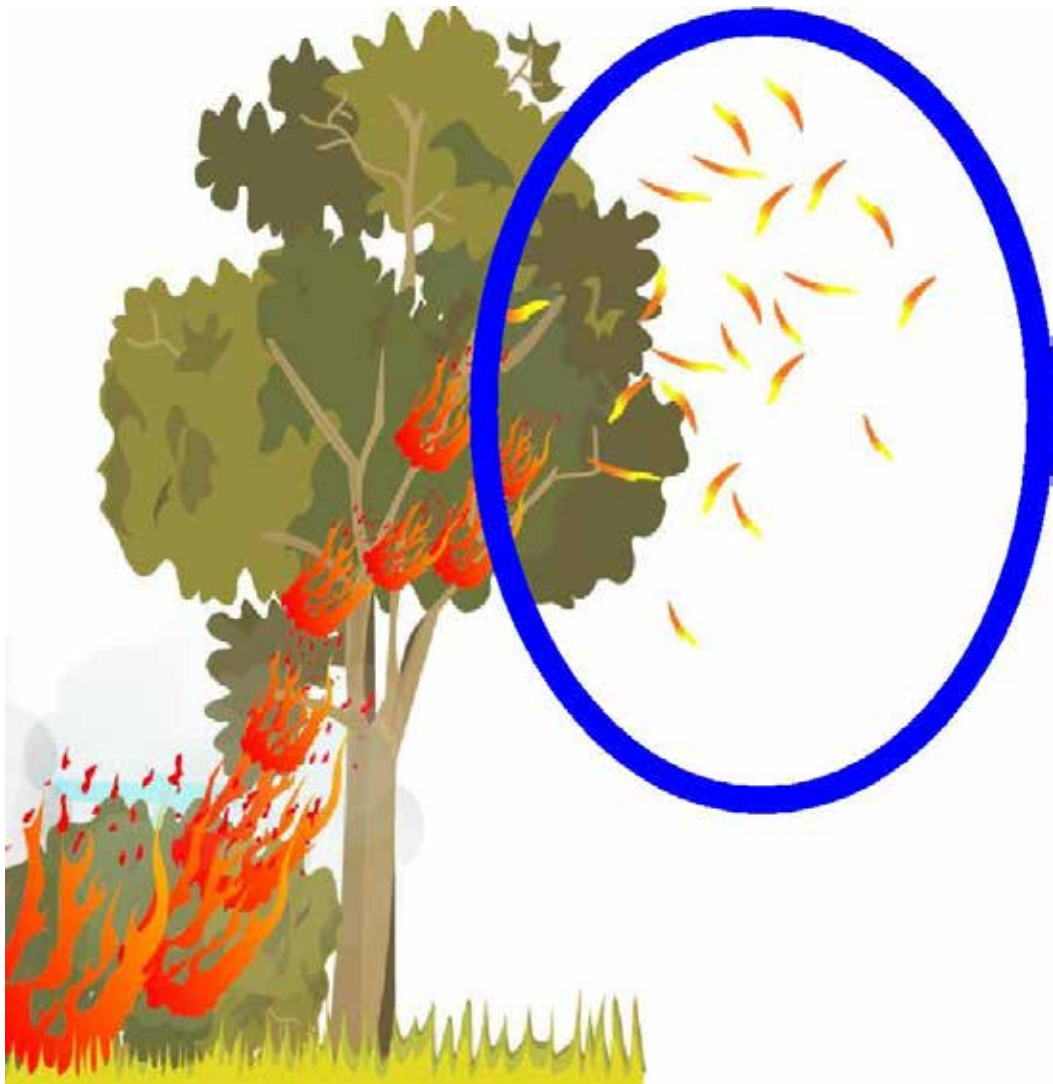
- Go far away from fire



- Put on your bushfire safety clothes



- Drink lots of water



## Sparks and embers

Embers are

- small fires
- burning pieces of
  - twigs
  - leaves
  - broken parts of buildings.



The burning pieces

- fly through the air
- and**
- can land on a house.

Ember attack

- is how most houses catch fire
- can happen
  - before
  - during
- and**
- after the main fire arrives.





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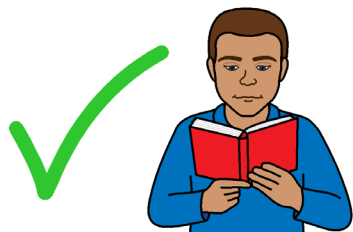
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### 3 Get ready

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## Know your risk



When you say **yes** to any of these questions you may be at risk.

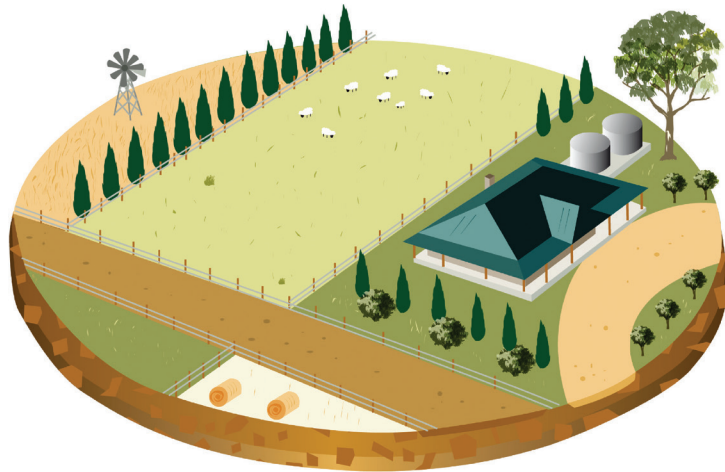
- Do you live near any of these places?



- Bush
- Forest



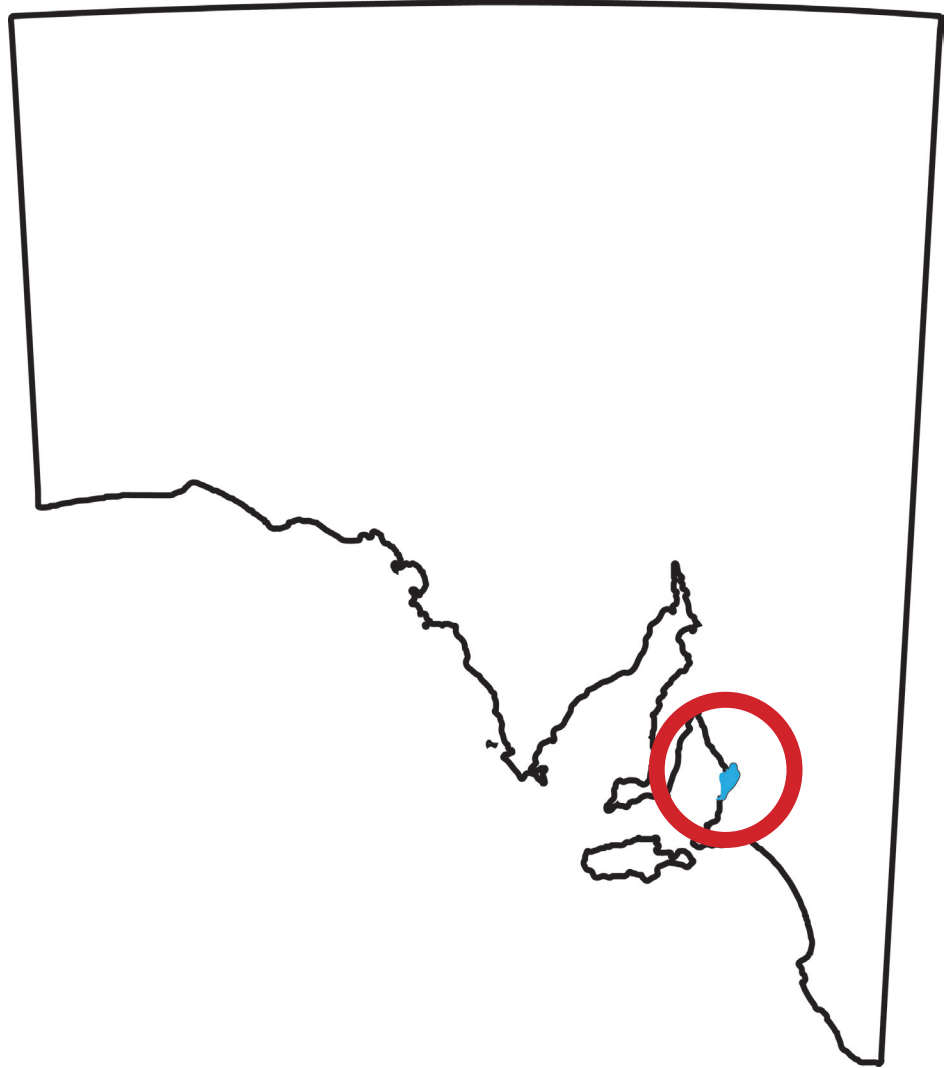
- Coast



- Paddocks with lots of grass
- Grassland



- Suburbs near the bush
- Land with lots of small plants



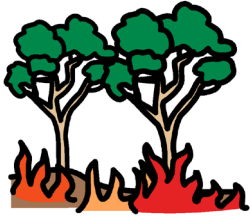
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The inner suburbs of Adelaide are safe.

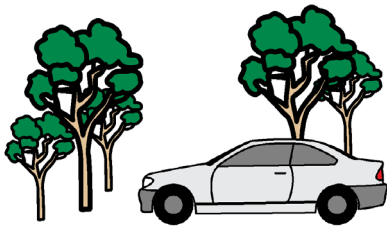
Do you

- live
- work
- or**
- travel

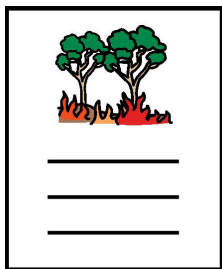
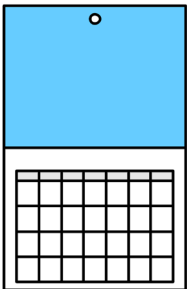
outside the safe part of Adelaide?



- Has there been a bushfire in your area before?



- When you leave your home do you have to drive in bushland?

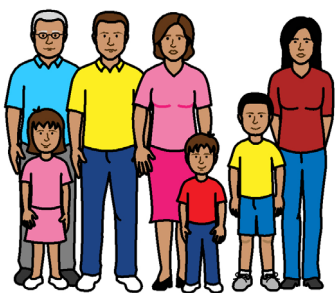


- Is your Bushfire Plan more than 1 year old?



If you said **yes** to any of these questions you may be at risk. Leaving early is the safest thing to do.





## Write your Bushfire Plan

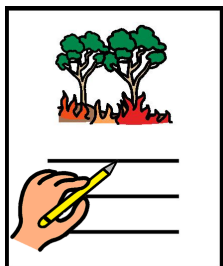
### Prepare

- you
- and** your
- family
- home
- animals.



### Read

- Information book - Leave early
- Information book - Stay and defend



### Do

- My Bushfire Plan - Leave early
- or**
- My Bushfire Plan - Stay and defend

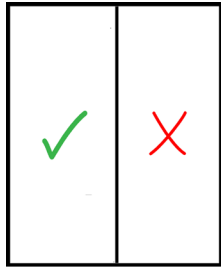


### Talk to

- family
- and**
- friends

about your Bushfire Plan.





## Understand the rules

Fire Danger Season is the dangerous months.

During Fire Danger Season there are rules.

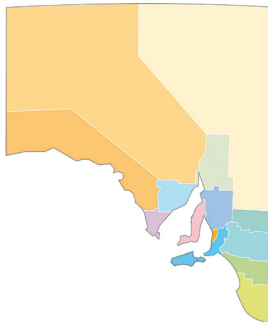


You must **not** burn off

- grass
- weeds
- leaves.



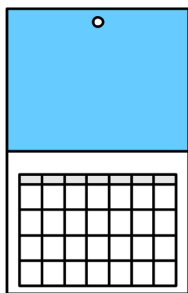
You must **not** use fireworks.



There are 15 bushfire areas in South Australia. CFS call the areas **Fire Ban Districts**. Know your area.

You must know

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



Fire Danger Season is **December to April** in

- Adelaide
- Kangaroo Island
- Mount Lofty Ranges.

Fire Danger Season is **November to March** in

- North East Pastoral
- North West Pastoral.

Fire Danger Season is **November to April** in

- Eastern Eyre Peninsula
- Flinders
- Mid North
- Murraylands
- Lower Eyre Peninsula
- Lower South East
- Riverland
- Upper South East
- West Coast
- Yorke Peninsula.



The dates may change.

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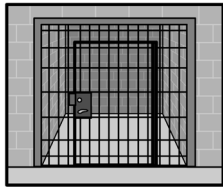


## Total Fire Ban

Some days are Total Fire Ban days.

A Total Fire Ban lasts for 24 hours.

You must **not** light any fires.



If you light a fire  
you might have to

- pay a fine

**or**

- go to jail.



Watch the night time news.

Find out if there is a

Total Fire Ban for tomorrow.



## Your BBQ on Total Fire Ban days

On Total Fire Ban days you can use your BBQ at home. You **must**

- live at the property.

This does **not** include a caravan

- have 4 metres of clear space around the BBQ
- have a person ready with water or a fire extinguisher
- The BBQ must use
  - gas
  - or**
  - electricity.



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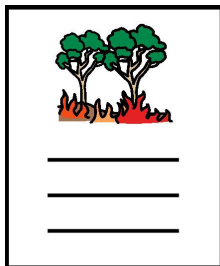
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Get your emergency kit ready.



Check you Bushfire Plan.



Practise your Bushfire Plan with your family.

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Check the Fire Danger Rating.

Fire Danger Ratings say how bad the bushfire will be.

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



## Get insurance for your house

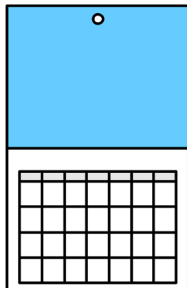
Insurance can help you pay for damage to your house. For example,

- fix your home
- rebuild your home
- buy new things for your home.



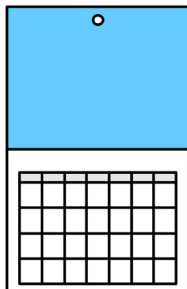
## Do jobs around your house

This book says what jobs you should do.



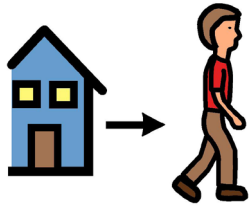
Do these jobs in May to October.

This is **before** the Fire Danger Season.



Do these jobs again in November to April.

This is **during** the Fire Danger Season.



If you plan to leave early  
do as many jobs as you can.

You might plan to leave early  
**but**

your plans can change. For example,

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

You might have to stay at your house during a  
bushfire. Make your house as safe as possible.



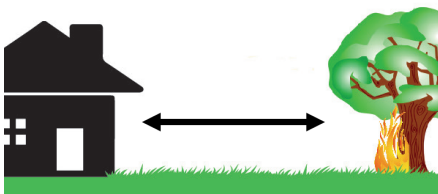
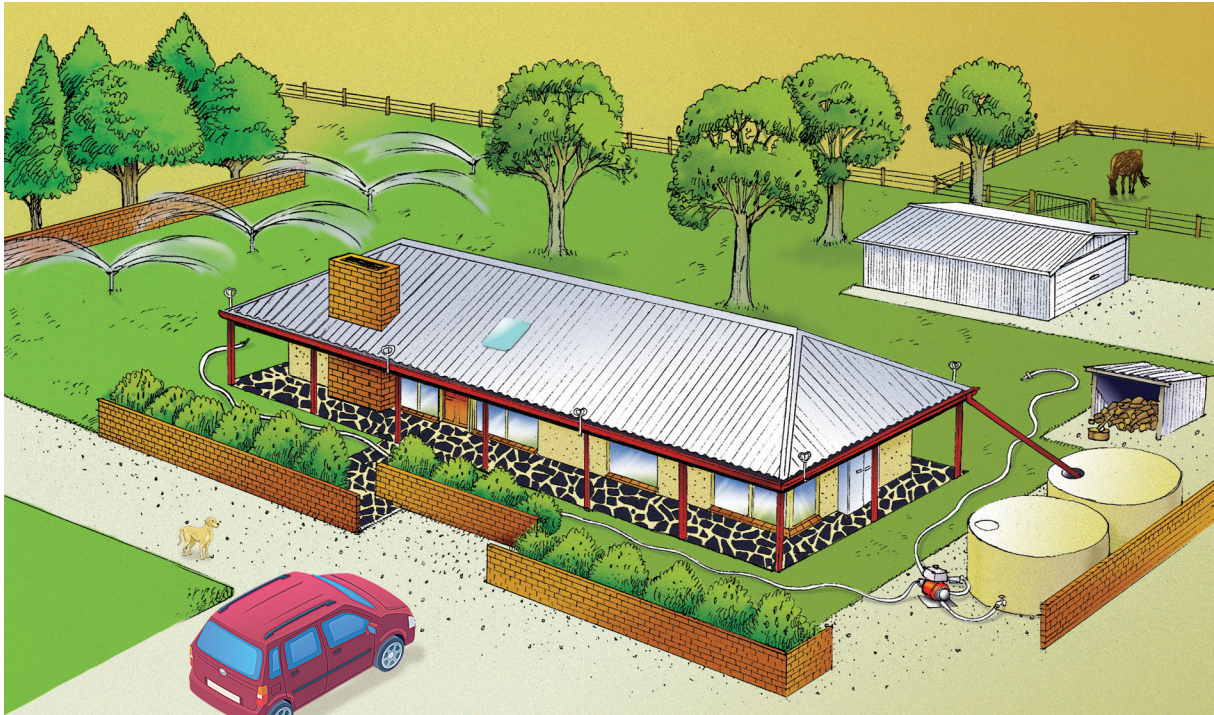
If you plan to stay and defend  
you **must** do all these jobs to get your

- house
- and**
- land ready.

You must read the rest of this book.



## Clear the space around your house



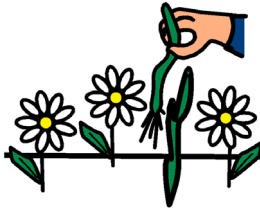
The clear space around your house is called defensible space. Clear up to

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

You must keep your defensible space clear.



You **must** get rid of things that can catch fire.



Get rid of weeds.



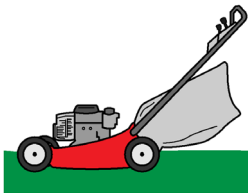
Rake away loose

- bark
- dry grass
- dry leaves
- dry twigs.



Cut branches that hang over your house.

Get rid of branches on the ground.

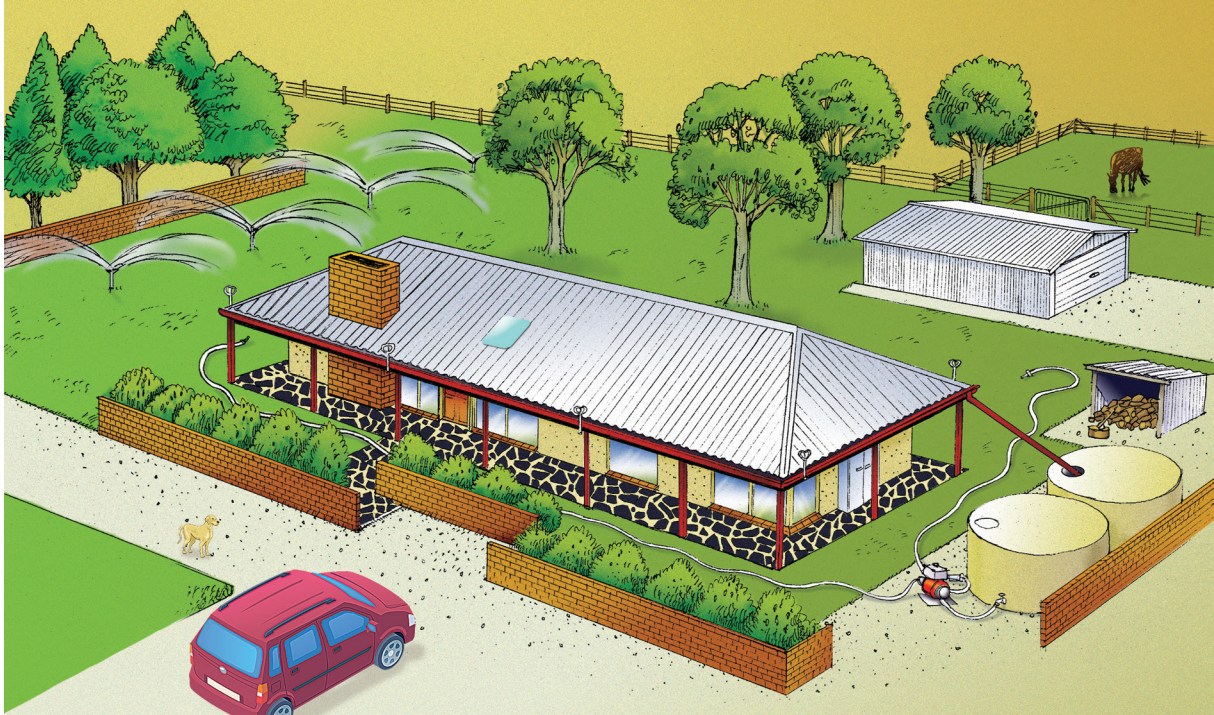


Cut your grass.



Ask your local council

- how to get rid of your garden waste
- when you can burn off. You **must** burn off **before** fire season.



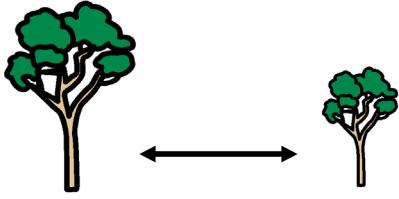
If you are building a new house put in a

- driveway
- lawn
- and
- path

around your house.

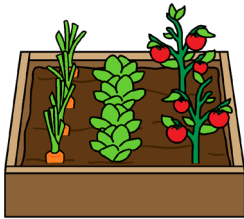
Your driveway should be 3 metres wide.

This can let fire trucks get to your house.



Make sure trees are far apart.

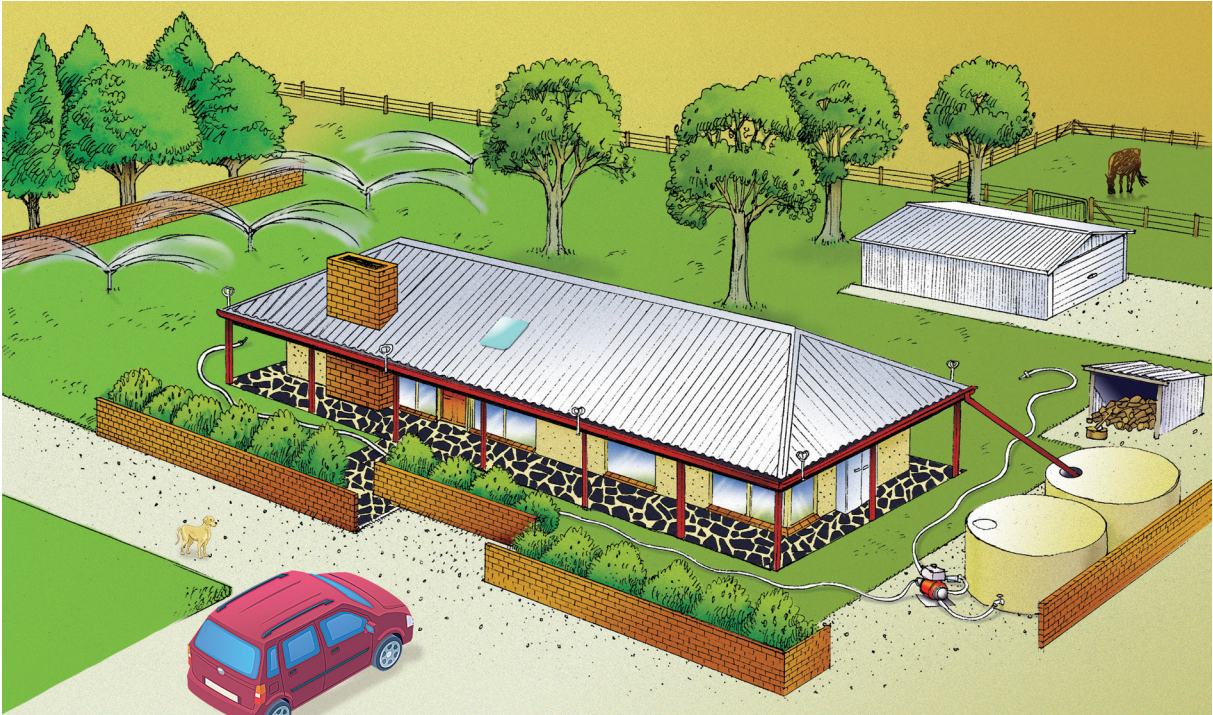
Grow trees that do **not** burn much. These are trees that have lots of water in their leaves.



Plant a vegetable garden. This may stop a bushfire burning fast.



## Fix your walls and roof



Fix gaps between

- roof tiles
  - metal sheets
  - bricks
- or**
- timber.



Keep your walls smooth. Paint

- old wood
- and**
- cracked paint.



Put metal sheets or metal mesh over

- outside vents
- skylights and air conditioners
- spaces under your house.



Use metal flywire on

- doors
- and
- windows.



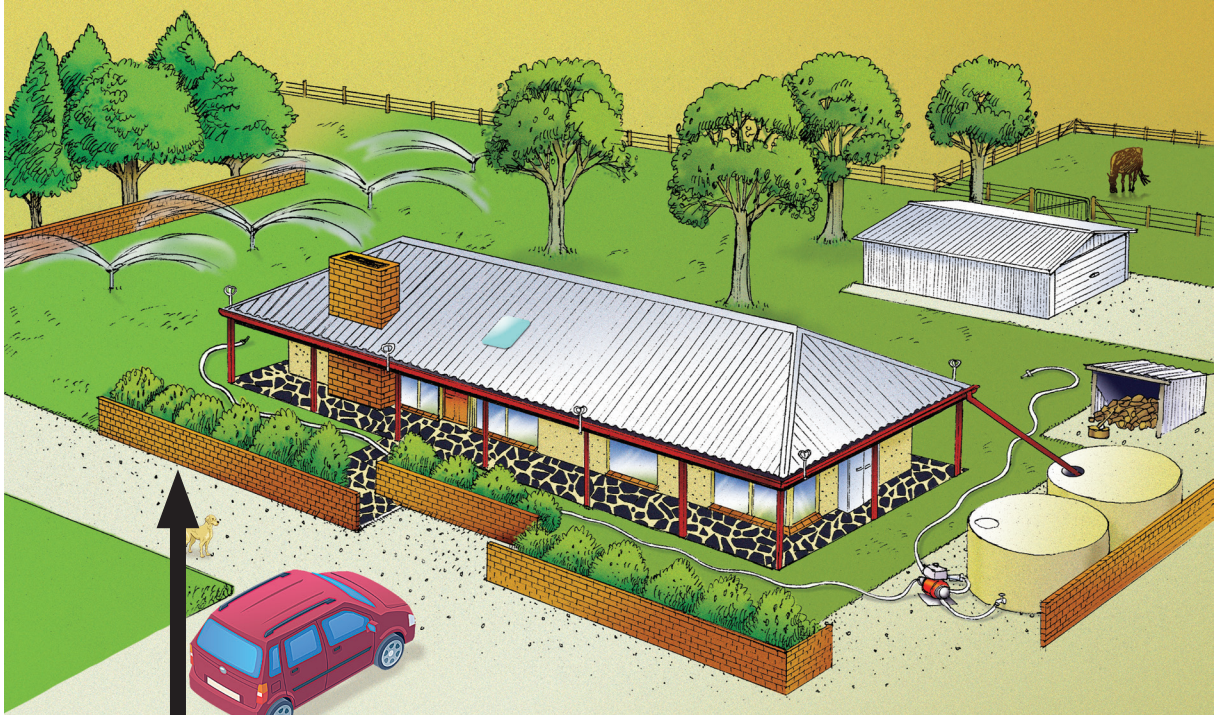
Put metal shutters on windows.



Clear your gutters.

Build a metal roof. If you have tiles put fibreglass in the gaps.





If you are building a new house build a barrier close to your house. For example, a

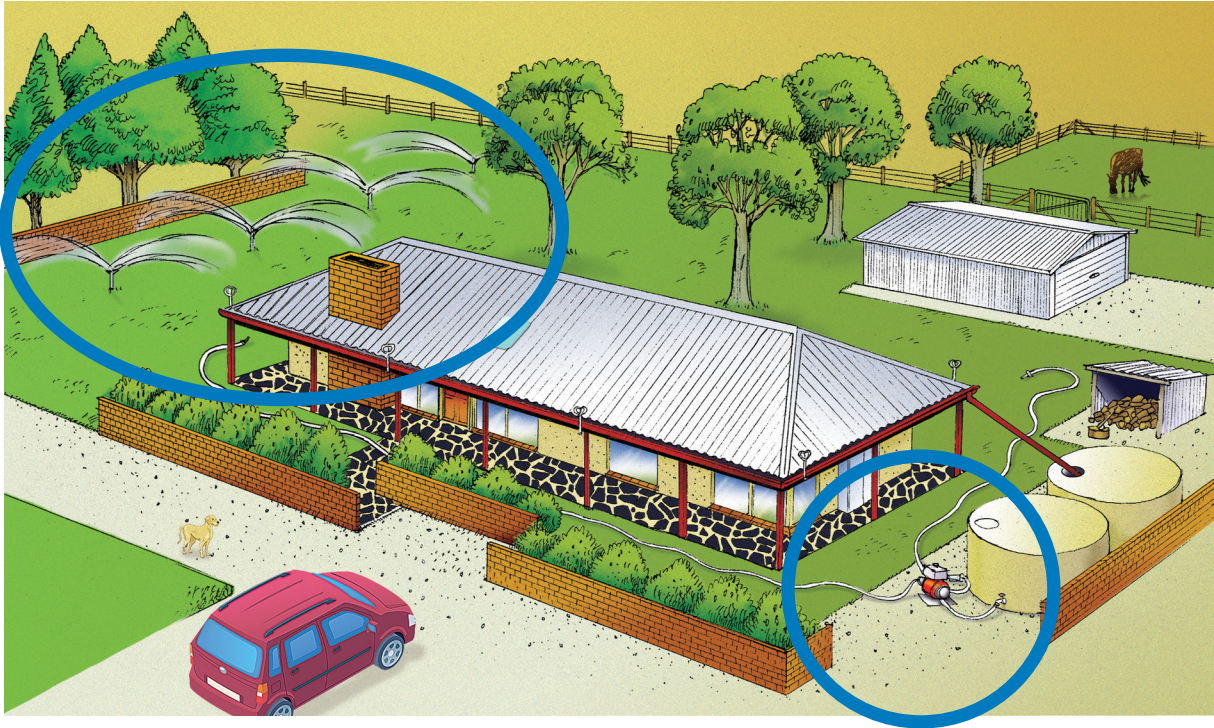
- stone wall
  - earth wall
- or**
- brick fence.

This will keep some radiant heat away from your house.

Build walls using

- brick
  - fibre cement
- or**
- mud brick.

## Check the tools at your house

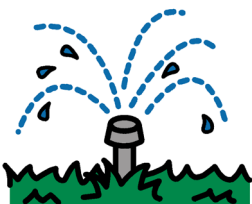


Make sure everyone at your house knows how to use your tools.

Check your



- water pump. The pump must use
  - petrol
  - or
  - diesel



- sprinkler system. Use metal sprinklers.  
Sprinklers will keep your house wet

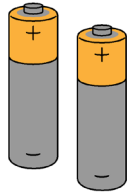
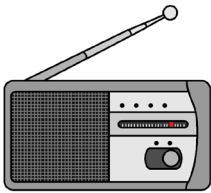




- fire extinguisher.

Look at the date on the label.

Do you need a new fire extinguisher?



You need to listen to bushfire warnings.

Make sure you have

- a radio that uses batteries
- spare batteries that work.

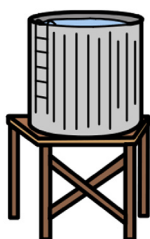
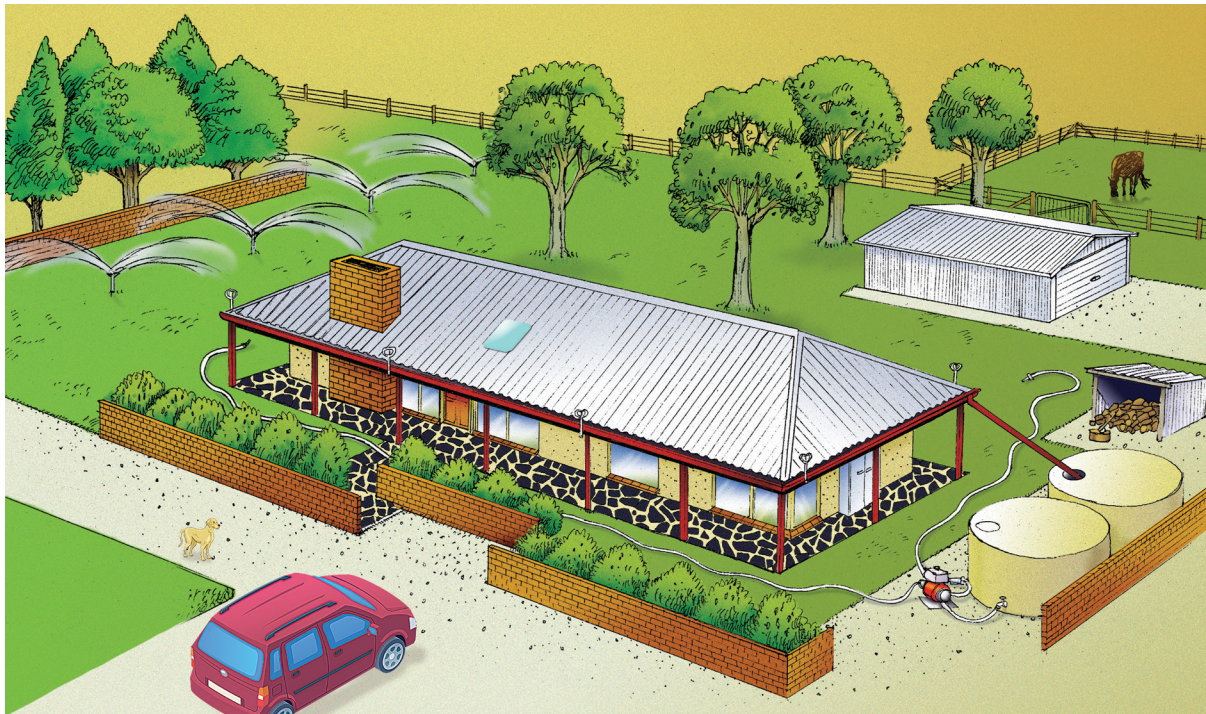


You may have a hose to fight bushfire.

Make sure your hose can reach around your home.



## Keep extra water on your property



Your main water supply may be cut off in a bushfire. Keep extra water in a

- tank
  - dam
- or
- swimming pool.

You can use the extra water to fight a bushfire.

You must have at least 5000 litres of water.



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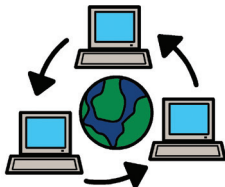
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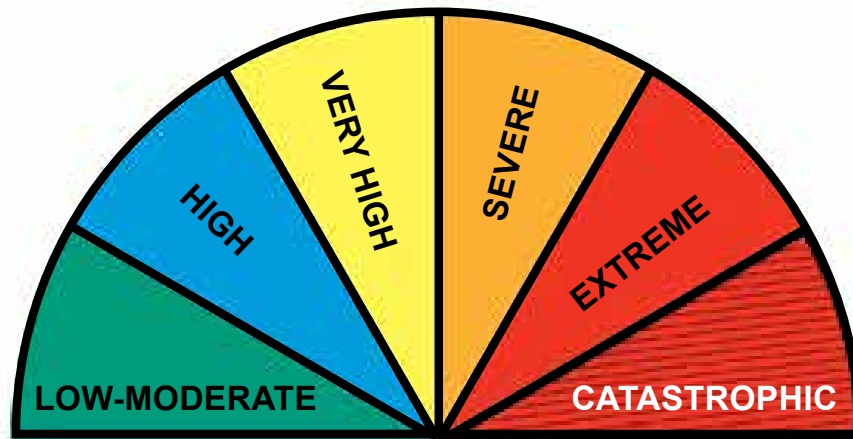
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# 4 Fire Danger Ratings and Warnings



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## Fire Danger Ratings and what you must do



Fire Danger Ratings say how bad the bushfire will be.

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



### Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating

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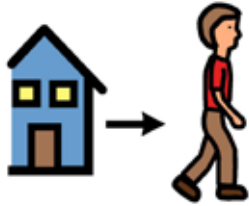


The weather is

- hot
- dry
- windy.

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.

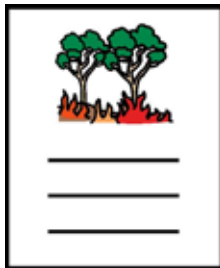
This means leave

- the night before

**or**

- in the morning.

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



Do **not** wait for a warning.

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

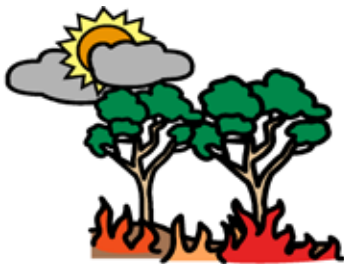




## Extreme and Severe Fire Danger Rating

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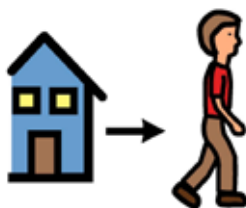
- light red colour
- and
- orange colour.



The weather is

- hot
- dry
- windy.

If a bushfire starts it will be very big.



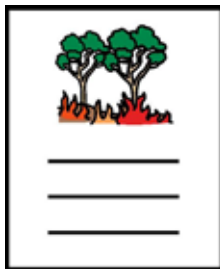
It is a Total Fire Ban day. You should leave early. This means leave

- the night before
- or
- in the morning.



Only stay if

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



Do **not** wait for a warning.

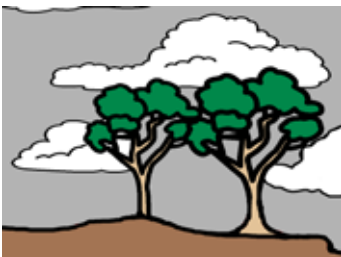
- Extreme
- and**
- Severe Fire Danger Rating is your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



### Very High, High or Low Moderate Fire Danger Rating

These are the

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



There could still be a bushfire on these days.



## Protect you and your property

Be ready to start your Bushfire Plan.

Do **not** wait to get a warning first. You might **not** get a warning. Fire can come

- quicky
- with **no** warning.



The CFS may **not** come to your property.



## You must check for fire

- Look and smell for smoke
- Look and listen for fire
- Talk to your neighbours



Remember your

- power
- home phone
- mobile phone

**and**

- internet

may **not** work when there is a fire.

There are 3 different warnings.



**Advice.**

A fire has started. You are **not** in danger now.  
This may change. Check your Bushfire Plan.



**Watch and Act.**

A fire is coming. Things are changing.  
Act to protect you and your family.  
Start your Bushfire Plan.



**Emergency Warning.**

You are in danger. The fire will come to you.  
Act now. Follow your Bushfire Plan.  
You must do what the warning says.



In an emergency

you may get a message on your

- home phone
- mobile phone.

Remember your phone may stop working.

You may **not** get a message.



## Bushfire warnings

You **must** check for a bushfire warning on



- your local radio. For example,
  - ABC
  - Fiveaa



- Bushfire Information Hotline  
Phone 1800 362 361



- TTY phone 133 677  
then ask for 1800 362 361



- National Relay Service  
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- Website [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)



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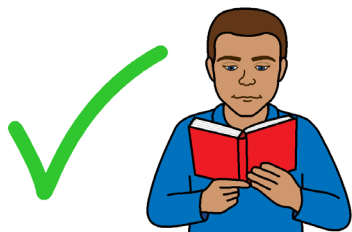
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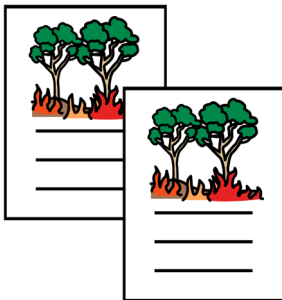




You **must** know a safer place you can go to.

Even if you choose to stay and defend you might change your mind because

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



You must have a

- a safer place that is your first choice
- and
- a back up plan.

## Where can you go?



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

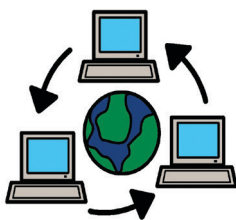
They are called **Bushfire Safer Places**.

## How to get the list



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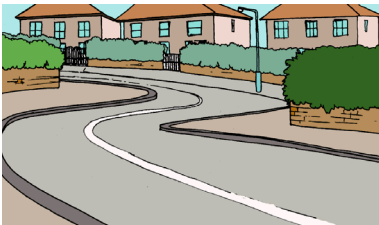
### **The safest place**

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

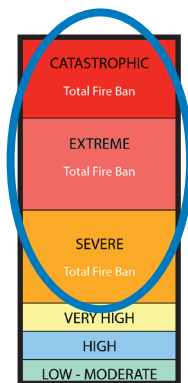
## Places that may be safe

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

The CFS call

- outer suburbs
- and**
- large towns

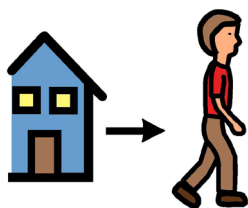
**Bushfire Safer Places.** Check with the CFS where you can go.



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.

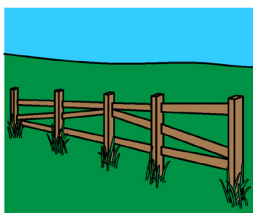


## Last Resort Refuge

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.

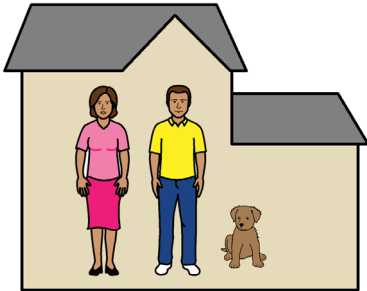
Find the Last Resort Refuge near you.  
Check with the CFS.



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.



## More information



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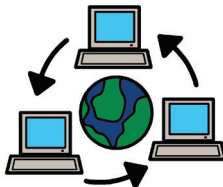
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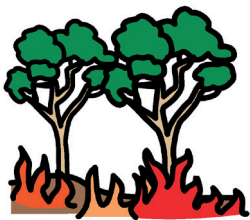
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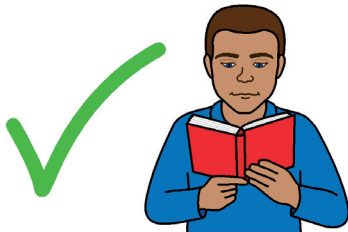
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# 6 Going on a holiday



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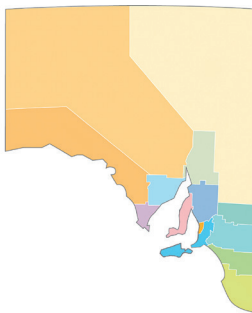


Make a bushfire plan for your holiday.

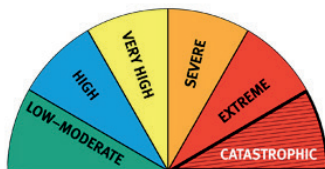
There may be fire risk when you go on holiday.



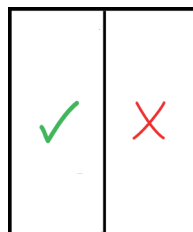
Take bushfire safety clothes.



Know the local Fire Ban District.



Know the Fire Danger Rating for the area.



Check the local fire rules. Can you light a

- BBQ
- or**
- campfire?

For more information read

**book 3 - Get ready**

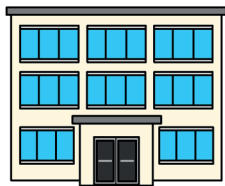


Do **not** go bush walking on

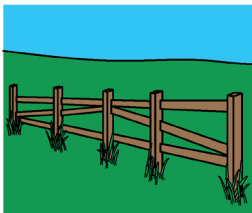
- Catastrophic Fire Danger Days
- Extreme Fire Danger Days
- Severe Fire Danger Days



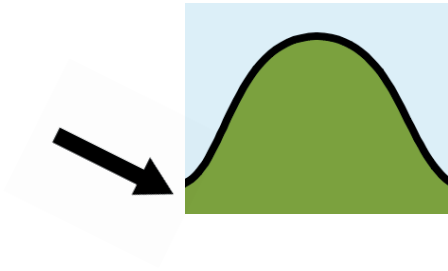
If you get stuck in a bushfire go to



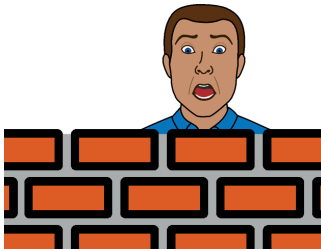
- a building in town



- an area with **no** trees. For example, a
  - paddock
  - or**
  - oval



- low land. At the bottom of a hill



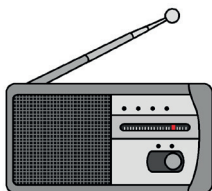
- behind a solid wall. For example, a
  - toilet block
  - brick wall.



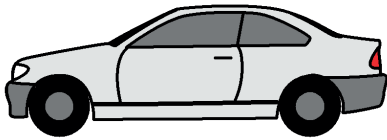
Do **not** go in a water tank



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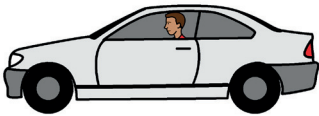


Listen to the ABC radio station for local information.

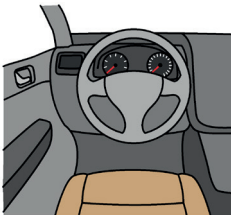


## You get stuck in your car

### 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



## More information



Bushfire Information Hotline

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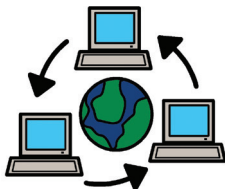
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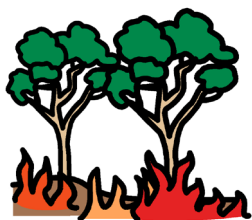
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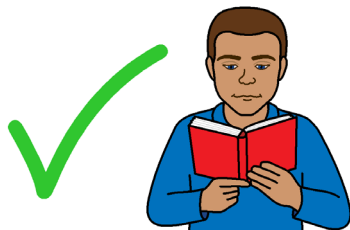
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# 7 Emergency Kit



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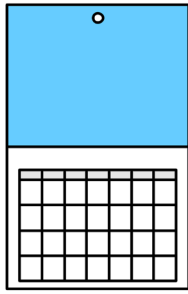


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Make your kit **before** the bushfire season.

Check your kit every year before the bushfire season.



Your emergency kit must have what you need

- during the bushfire
- and**
- 1 to 4 days after a fire.

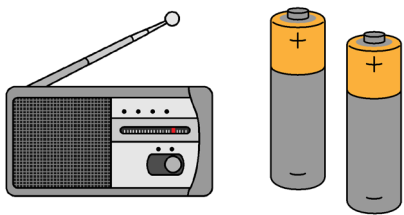
Keep your emergency kit in a waterproof

- box
- or**
- bag.

Make sure

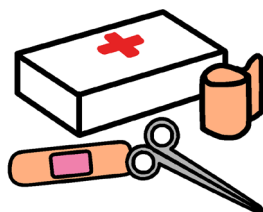
- your kit is easy to get to
- and**
- each family member knows where the kit is.

## What to put in your kit

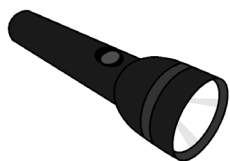


- Radio with spare batteries.

A radio will help you get information



- First aid kit



- Waterproof torch.

A torch will help you see when there is

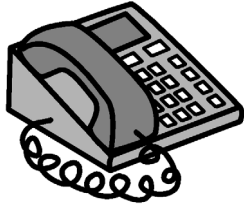
- **no** light
- lots of smoke



- Woolen blankets



- Bushfire safety clothes for everyone in your family



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- Emergency phone numbers.

Your mobile phone may **not** work during a bushfire.



## Planning to leave

### Extra things to pack



- Money



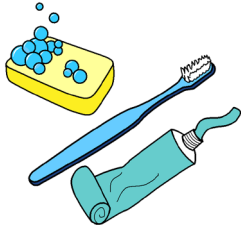
- Bank cards



- Medication you need



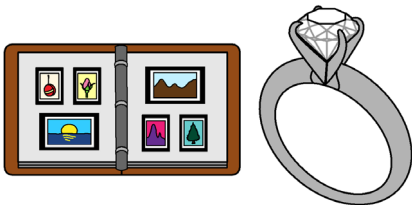
- Clean clothes



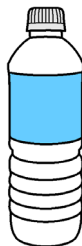
- Toiletries such as
  - soap
  - shampoo
  - pads
  - nappies
  - toothbrush



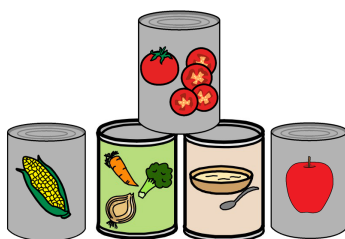
- Important papers. For example,
  - passports
  - your Will
  - insurance papers



- Special things. For example,
  - photos
  - your wedding ring



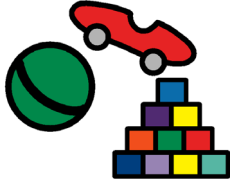
- Drinking water.  
Each person needs 3 litres a day



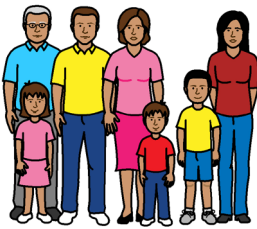
- Enough food for 2 days



- Phone and charger. Charge your phone the night **before** a Fire Danger Day



- Toys for children



You may want to leave some special things at a safe place. For example with

- family
- or
- friends.



### Things to pack for pets

- Basket or cage
- Leash
- Medication
- Food
- Drinking water
- Water bowl
- Toy



## Bushfire safety clothes

Bushfire safety clothes can help to protect you from radiant heat.

When you know fire is in your area, put on your bushfire safety clothes.



Your clothes should be made from  
**all** natural fabric. For example,

- cotton
- wool
- denim.

This means **no** synthetic clothes, like polyester or nylon.

You need fire safety clothes for each person in your house. Each person needs



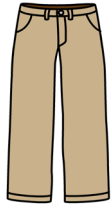
- a cotton shirt with long sleeves and a collar



- wool or cotton socks



- strong boots



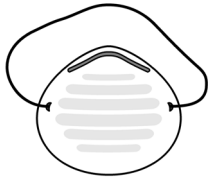
- long cotton pants



- strong work gloves



- wide brim hat



- a mask or cotton scarf



- smoke goggles.



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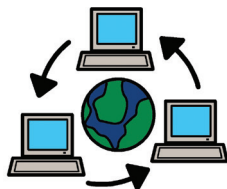
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# 8 After the fire

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## 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](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.sa)



- Bushfire Information Hotline

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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



Bushfire Information Hotline

Phone 1800 362 361



TTY phone 133 677

then ask for 1800 362 361



National Relay Service

Phone 1300 555 727

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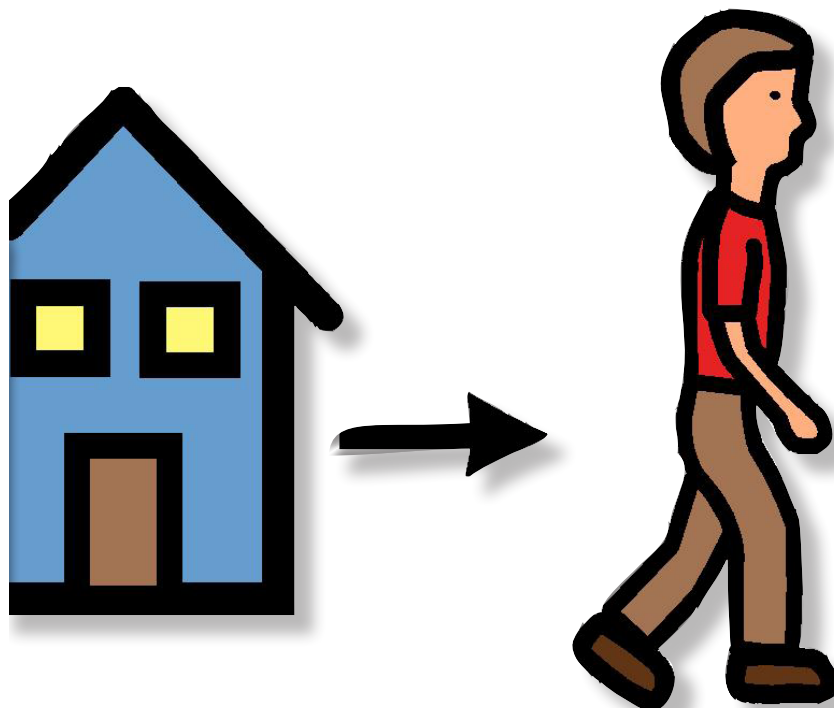
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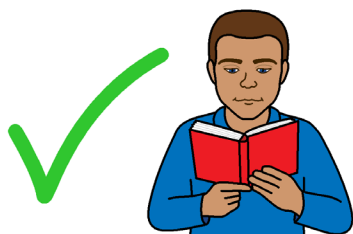
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# 9 Information book - Leave early



**Bushfire Safety Guide**

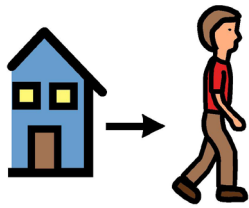


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## Leaving early

**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.

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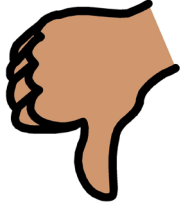
- practise how you will pack your car
- make sure your radio works
- check you know where you will go.



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



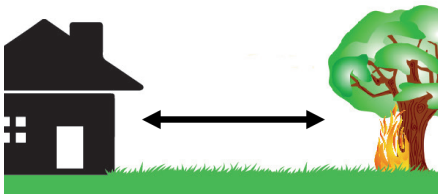
## Is your property fire ready?



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



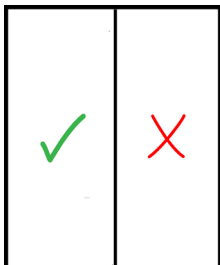
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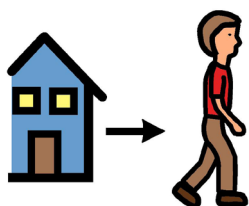
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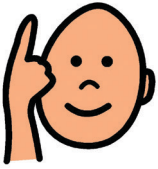
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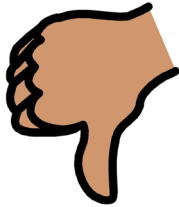
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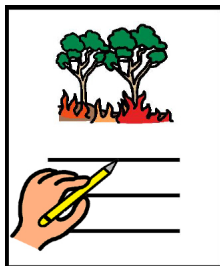
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- someone you care for has
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7 Do you know what to do when the fire comes?



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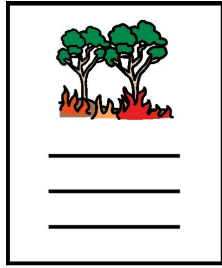
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- think about
- and**
- write in your Bushfire Plan.

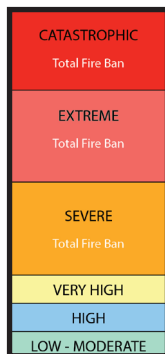
Write your Bushfire Plan in

**book 11 - My Bushfire Plan - Leave early.**



## When you will start your Bushfire Plan

Know your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



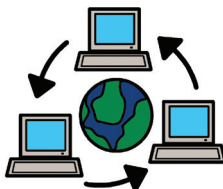
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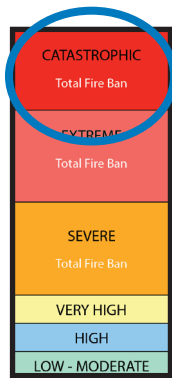


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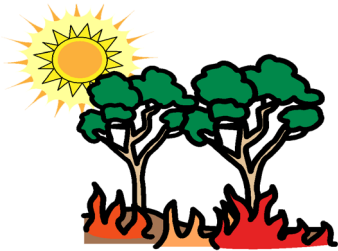
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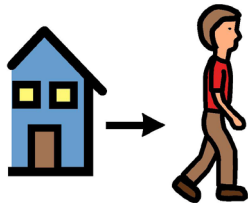


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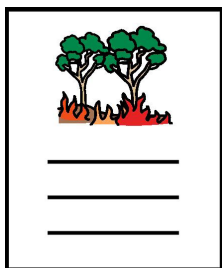


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This means leave

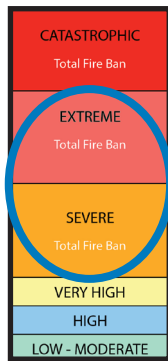
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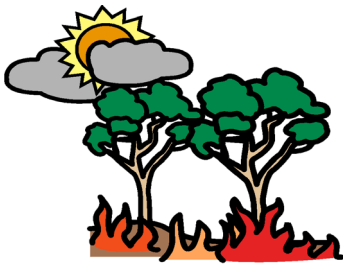
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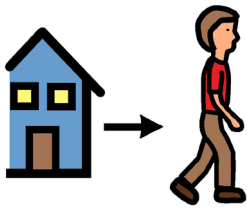
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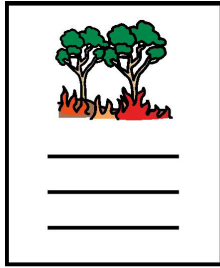
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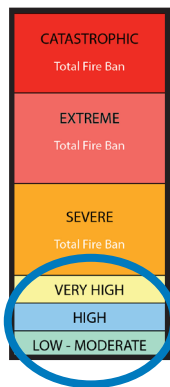
- your house and land are ready
- you can fight the bushfire.



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- Severe Fire Danger Rating

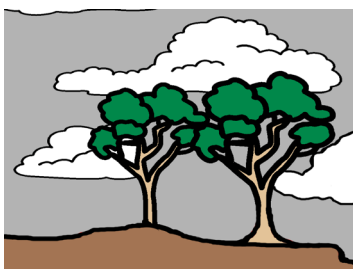
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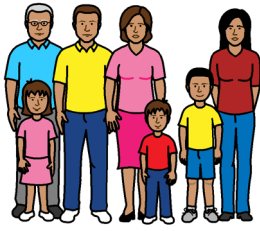
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- or**
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There could still be a bushfire on these days.

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.

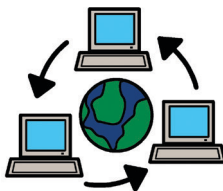
They are called **Bushfire Safer Places**.

### How to get the list



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Website [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://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

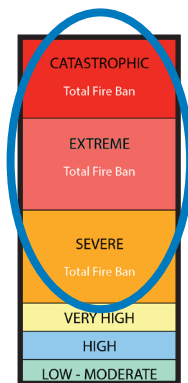
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- Some outer suburbs
- and**
- large towns
- might be ok.

The CFS call

- outer suburbs
- and**
- large towns

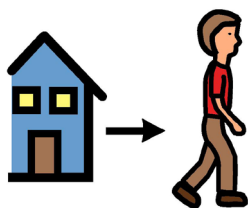
**Bushfire Safer Places.** Check with the CFS where you can go.



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.

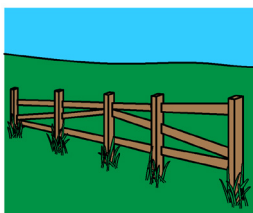


## Last Resort Refuge

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.

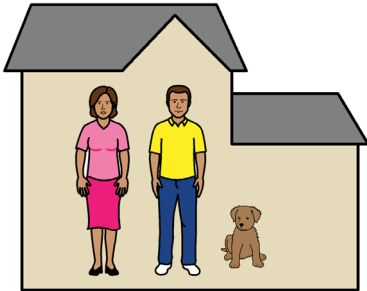




Last Resort Refuge is very dangerous. You will be close to the bushfire. You might die.

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

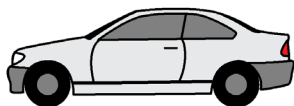
- friends
  - family
- and**
- your neighbours

about your Bushfire Plan.

This will help other people know

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

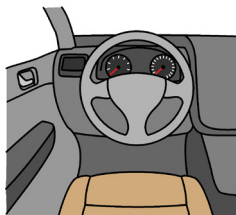
## You get stuck in your car



### 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



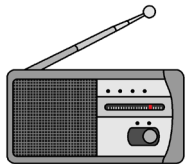
### When can you go home?

You must check it is safe before you go home.

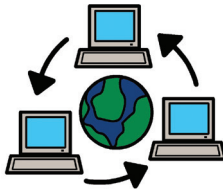


Check on the

- TV



- radio

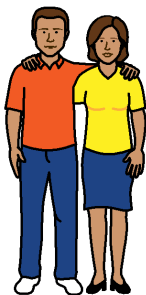


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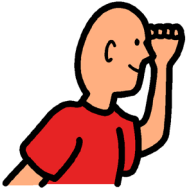
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Be ready for what you might see.

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
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## More information



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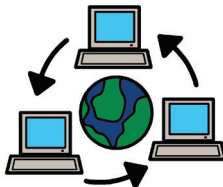
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# 10 Information book - Stay and defend



**Bushfire Safety Guide**



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## Stay and defend

When you stay and defend your property  
it will be



- scary



- hard to see



- hard to breathe.



It will also be

- tiring



- very noisy



- very hot.



This is what a bushfire looks like.



**Leaving early is the safest thing to do.**

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



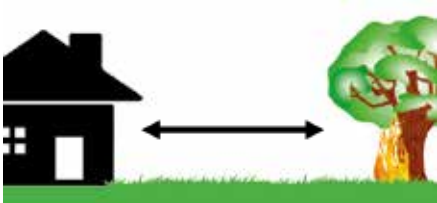
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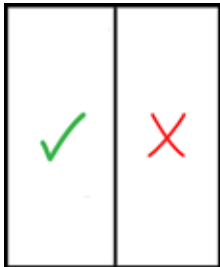
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5 Can everyone at the house look after themselves? You should leave early if you

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- asthma or breathing problems
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- a disability
- mental health problems

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6 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

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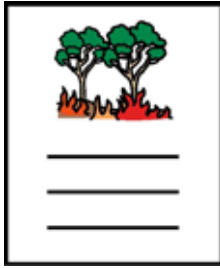
- think about

**and**

- write

in your Bushfire Plan.

Write your Bushfire Plan in **book 12 -  
My Bushfire Plan - Stay and defend.**



## When you will start your Bushfire Plan

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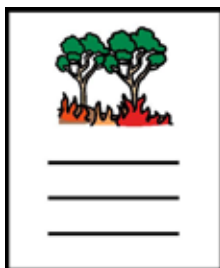


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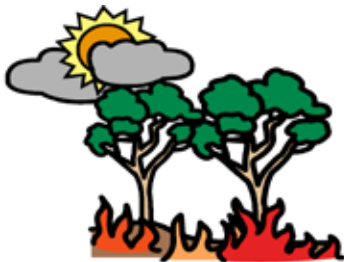
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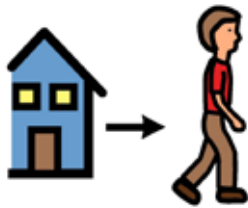


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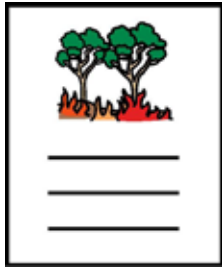
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- you can fight the bushfire.



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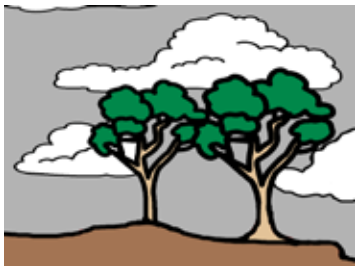
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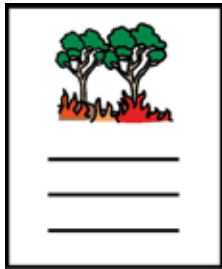
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Get ready to act.



**The night before or early in the morning**



Make sure everyone knows what jobs to do.  
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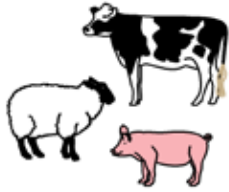
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Turn on your local radio station. Make sure your spare batteries are easy to get to.



Get drinking water for you and the people with you. Each person needs 3 litres each day.



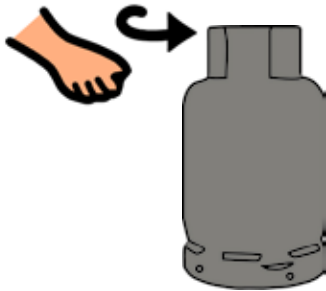
Bring small pets inside your house.

Move big animals to safe paddocks.



Move things that can catch fire away from your house. For example,

- door mats
- outdoor furniture
- pot plants.



Turn off your gas

- bottle
- or**
- meter.



Tell

- family
- and**
- friends

you will stay at home.





Remember your

- power
- home phone
- mobile phone

**and**

- internet may **not** work when there is a fire.



Make sure your

- torch
- spare batteries
- ladder

**and**

- buckets of water are easy to get to.



Put tape over your windows.



Block downpipes.



Put water in gutters.



## When the bushfire is in your area



Make your house and property wet.

Turn your spinklers on

**or**

lay the hose all around your house.

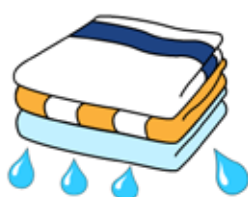


Close windows and doors.

Take your curtains off

**or**

tie them back.



Wet

- towels
- wool blankets
- cotton blankets.

Put them under the gaps of your doors.



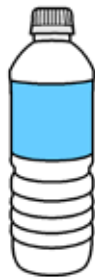
Move your furniture away from windows and doors.



Stay close to your house.



Check your family are ok.



Drinks lots of water.



Look for embers

- inside your house
- and**
- outside your house.

Put the embers out.



## When the bushfire is at your house



Bring inside tools that may melt.

For example, your

- hose
- and**
- pump.



Stay inside your house.

You need 2 ways to get out of a room



Check

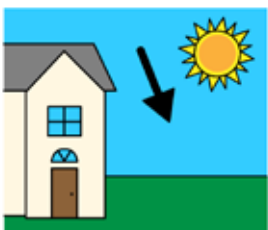
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- and**
- outside your house.

Check for small fires.

Put them out.



## After the bushfire



After the fire passes you can go outside.

- Put out embers
  - in the space under the roof
  - around the window frames
  - under the floor
- Put out small fires
- Hose the house down



Listen to the radio for updates.



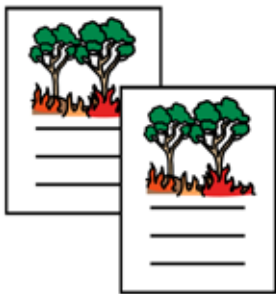
Tell

- friends
  - and**
  - family
- you are ok.



Stay at your house.

Wait until the bushfire has gone from your area.



## Your back-up plan

You might change your mind.

It may **not** be safe to leave. For example,

- the bushfire came too fast
- it is **not** safe to drive
- your kids are at school
- you get sick.

You need a back up plan.



On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days it is safest to leave early.



## Who will you leave early with?

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](http://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.

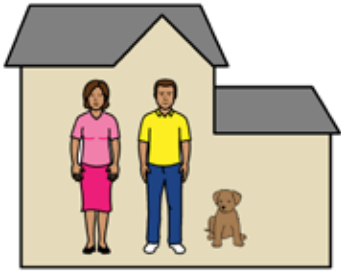
Check with the CFS.



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.

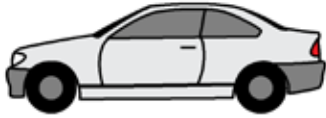


Tell

- 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](http://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.



For help and information after a fire

Call the Recovery Hotline

1800 302 787





## 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
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## More information



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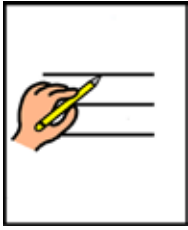


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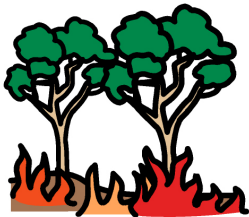
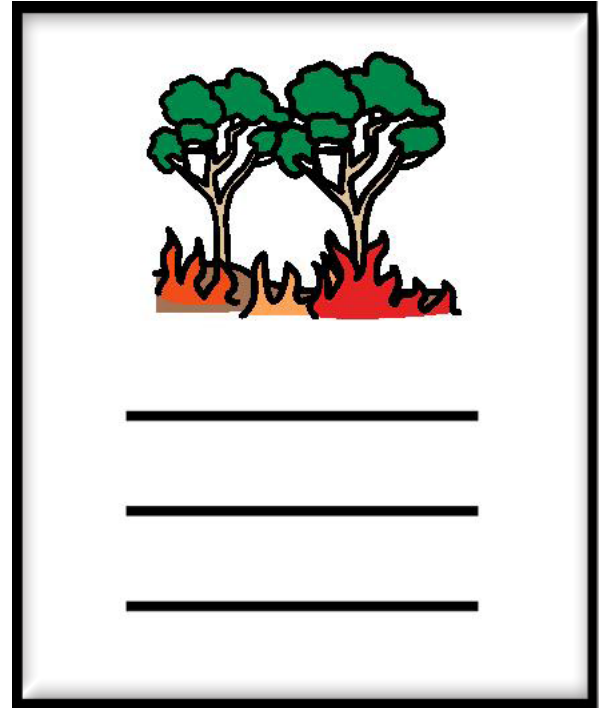
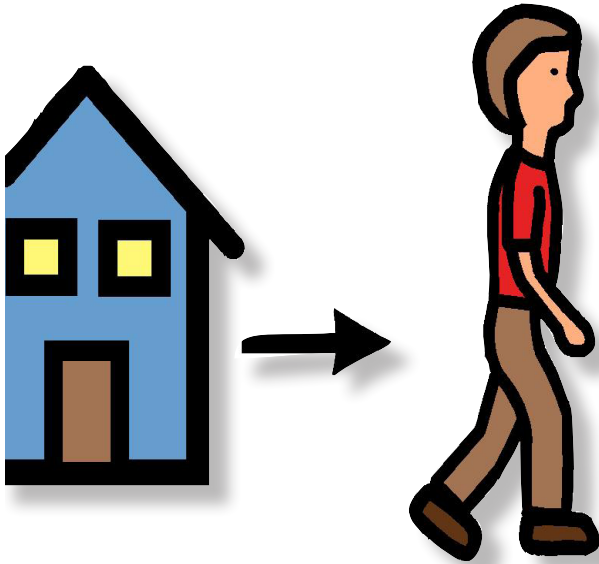
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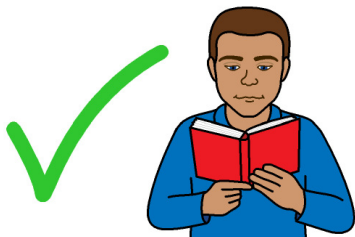
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# 11 My Bushfire Plan - Leave early



**Bushfire Safety Guide**



**Easy to read**



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## 1 Read the **Information Book** - **Leave early**



## 2 Write your plan to leave early.



Ask a

– friend

**or**

– family member

to help you write your plan.

Write today's date here

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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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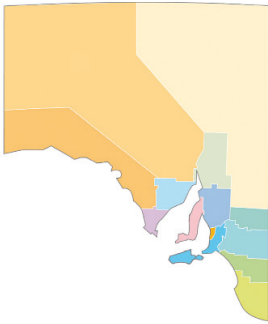
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**Our local radio station is**

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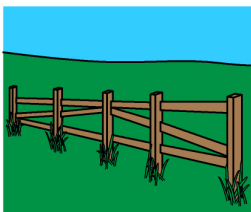
**Our fire ban district is**

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**Our nearest Safer Place is**

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**Our Last Resort Refuge is**

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**Who is going to leave early?**

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**Who is going to stay and defend?**

Name	Phone number

CATASTROPHIC Total Fire Ban
EXTREME Total Fire Ban
SEVERE Total Fire Ban
VERY HIGH
HIGH
LOW - MODERATE

## What is your sign to start your plan?

Know the Fire Danger Rating.

- Catastrophic is the bright red colour
- Extreme is the light red colour
- Severe is the orange colour
- Very High is the yellow colour

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

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**Where you will go**

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**When you will go**

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## How you will get there

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## What you need to take

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**People you will tell**

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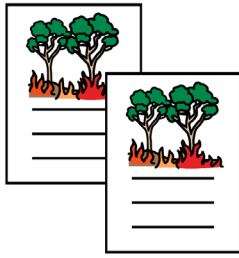
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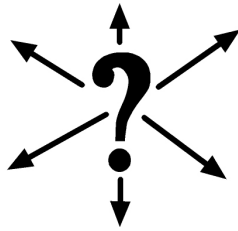
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## Your back up plan

Your plan may **not** work.

The fire might come too fast.



Where you will go. Your Last Resort Refuge

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How you will get there

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**You get stuck at home.**

**What you will do**

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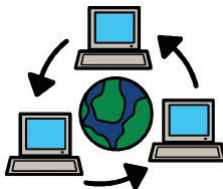
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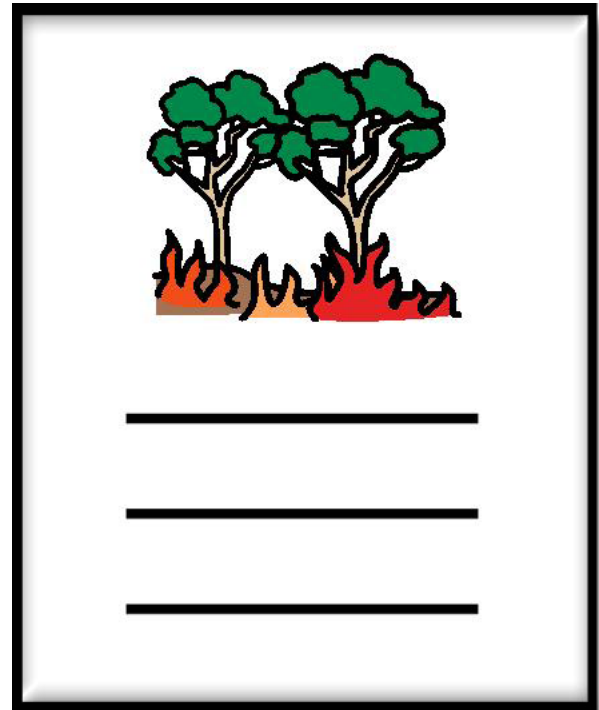
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# 12 My Bushfire Plan - Stay and defend



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1 Read the **Information Book** -  
**Stay and defend**



2 Write your plan to Stay and defend.

Ask a

– friend

**or**

– family member

to help you write your plan.

Write todays date here

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Write phone numbers here

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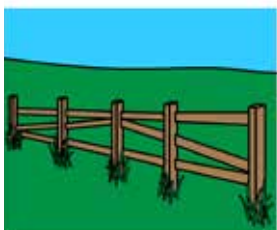
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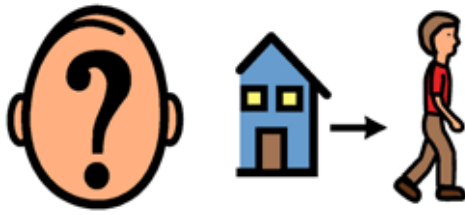


**Our nearest Safer Place is**



**Our Last Resort Refuge is**

Who is going to leave early?



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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 light red colour
- Severe is the orange colour
- Very High is the yellow colour

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

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

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**The fire is in your area.**

**What you will do**

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**The fire is at your house.**

**What you will do**

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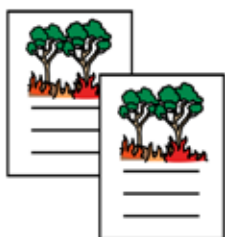
**After the fire. What you will do**

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**Back up plan**



**When you will go**

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**Where you will go**

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**How you will leave**

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**When you can go back home**

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**Recovery. How you will look after  
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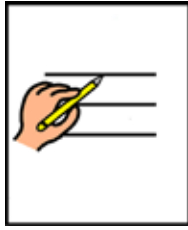
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