

BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Prepare. Act. Survive.



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One of the most important things to do before a bush fire is to decide what you will do if one should start. This guide can help you make that decision and assist you with the steps in preparing yourself, your family and your home. After you have had the discussion and make a decision, get your family to sign this document.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

LEAVE EARLY, YOUR SAFEST CHOICE.

WHEN WILL WE LEAVE?

What will be your sign to leave? It could be smoke in your area, or as soon as you find out there's a fire near you.

WHEN WILL WE GO?

Where is a meeting place that is safe and away from a fire area? It might be a friend or relatives place, or even a shopping centre.

WHAT WILL WE TAKE?

Make a list of what you will take in the event of a fire. Remember to include pets, identification and irreplaceable items, such as photos or documents.

WHO WILL WE CALL TO TELL THAT WE ARE LEAVING AND THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY?

Who will you call to let them know you are leaving and that you have arrived there safely?

WHAT IS OUR BACKUP PLAN?

What if things do not go to plan? You need to identify a safe location nearby, such as a neighbour's home, that is well prepared or a place of last resort. Is there an Emergency Shelter nearby?

Emergency Shelters are a place of last resort, such as a sports ground or local building that has been specially identified for use during a fire.

To find your nearest Emergency Shelters visit www.securent.gov.au

We have discussed and agreed with the entire household, we will

Leave early Decided to stay

DECIDE TO STAY, ONLY IF YOU'RE WELL PREPARED

BEFORE YOU START, ASK YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Is your home well prepared to make it as safe as possible during a fire?
Follow the steps, Prepare. Act. Survive.

Are you putting anyone in your family at risk by staying?
For example: children, the elderly or people with asthma.

Will you cope in an emergency situation?
In a fire, it will be hot, smoky and physically draining.
Even trained firefighters can find it challenging.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OR ARE NOT PREPARED, YOU SHOULD LEAVE EARLY.

DO WE HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED?

Go through all the items listed on www.securent.nt.gov.au under Emergency Kit. Make a commitment to get all equipment by a specific date.

WHEN THERE IS A FIRE, WHAT IS OUR SIGN TO START DEFENDING OUR HOME?

It could be as soon as you find out there is a fire near you.
Do not wait for an official warning.

DO WE KNOW WHAT TO DO BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A FIRE?

Study the Prepare. Act. Survive. on www.securent.gov.au

DO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR HOUSEHOLD KNOW WHAT TO DO IN ALL SITUATIONS?

Give specific roles to each person.

WHAT IS OUR BACKUP PLAN?

Consider unexpected events, such as; if a family member is home alone, if you are not home, if the fire moves faster than expected, or if the phone lines and electricity are down.

UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS NOT SAFE TO STAY WITH YOUR PROPERTY, SUCH AS:

- if the fire danger rating is Catastrophic;
- there is an extreme fire danger rating and your home is not specially designed or constructed for bushfires;
- your property is not well maintained; and/or
- you or the people in your home are not mentally or physically fit and ready.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU SHOULD LEAVE EARLY

Remember that bush and grass fires can move quickly and catch you off guard. If you are caught in a fire, protect yourself from the heat. The safest option is to leave early before the fire reaches you.