



BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN LEAVING FOR A SAFER PLACE

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.

FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for (list all household members):

What will be your trigger to leave? (consider triggers such as seeing a fire, the smell of smoke, family members being home alone, the Fire Danger Rating, loss of water or power and the ability to leave your home safely)

What will you do with your pets and/or livestock?

What will you take with you? (eg. survival kit, personal documents, personal items, medications and mobile phones)

How will you get to your safer place?

Where will you and your family/household go?

Address:

What will you do if someone is at school or work?

Who have you told about your bushfire survival plan and your intention to leave?

List any actions that you need to take that are specific to your home: (that may not be outlined in the leaving for a safer place checklist)

Who will you call when you arrive at your safer place?

List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they are unable to leave)

Where will you store your protective clothing?



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WHAT IS YOUR BACKUP PLAN?

You and your family planned to leave but it is too late.
What will you do?

What might go wrong with your plan to leave? (eg. you have no transport)

How safe is your home if leaving is no longer an option?

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

What will you do as the fire front approaches? (ie. closing all doors and windows, filling buckets with water, turning off your evaporative air conditioner)

Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

List equipment you will need: (hoses, rakes, shovels pumps, generators etc.)

Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it? Do you have at least 20,000 litres?

What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to be safer?
