

10 Information book - Stay and defend



Bushfire Safety Guide



Easy to read



**Government of
South Australia**



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.



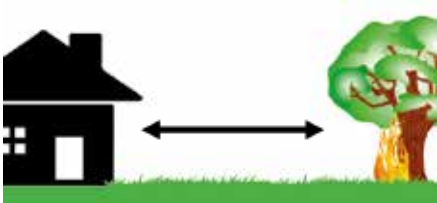
Only plan to stay and defend if your property is fire ready.



Is your property fire ready?



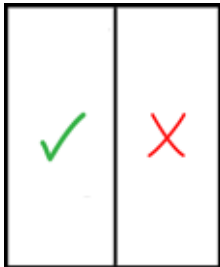
If you say **no** to any of these questions you should leave early. For more information about these questions read **book 3 - Get ready**.



1 Does your house have defensible space?

This means there is clear space up to

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



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

For more information call your local council.



3 Do you have the tools you need to fight a bushfire? For example,

- extra water in a dam
- pumps
- firefighting hoses.



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



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

or

someone you care for has

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

or is

- a child
- old.



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

This part tells you what to

- think about

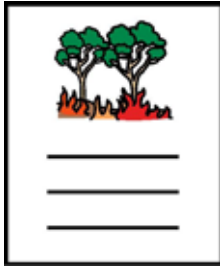
and

- 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

Know your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



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



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



- Radio news



- Website www.cfs.sa.gov.sa



- Bushfire Information Hotline
phone 1800 362 361
TTY 131 677



- Facebook
www.facebook.com/countryfireservice



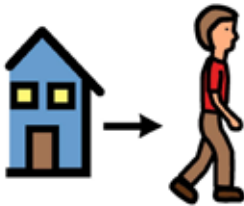
- Twitter @CFSTalk

Catastrophic Fire Danger Days

This is the bright red colour.



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

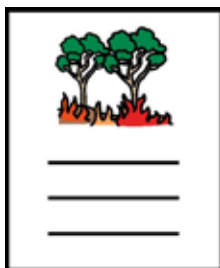


Your only safe choice is to leave early.

This means leave

- the night before
- or
- in the morning.

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



Do **not** wait for a warning.

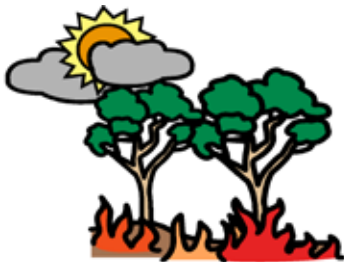
Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.

Extreme or Severe Fire Danger Days



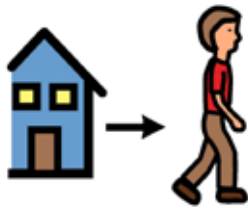
These are the

- light red colour
- and
- orange colour.



If a bushfire starts it will be a very big bushfire.

They are Total Fire Ban days.



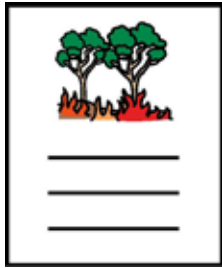
You should leave early. This means leave

- the night before
- or
- in the morning.



Only stay if

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



Do **not** wait for a warning.

- Extreme
- or**
- Severe Fire Danger Rating

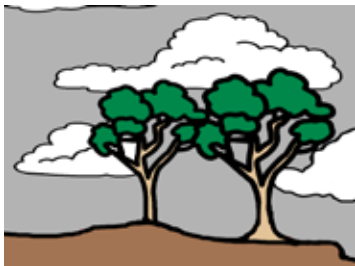
is your sign to start your Bushfire Plan.



Very High, High or Low Moderate Fire Danger Rating

These are the

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



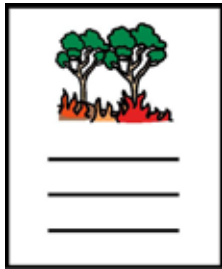
There could still be a bushfire on these days.

Be ready. Check your Bushfire Plan.

Get ready to act.



The night before or early in the morning



Make sure everyone knows what jobs to do.
Check your Bushfire Plan.



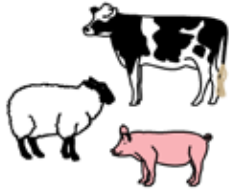
Find your emergency kit.



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.



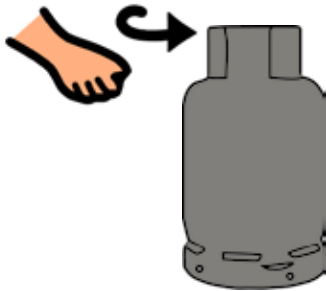
Bring small pets inside your house.

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 sprinklers on

or

lay the hose all around your house.

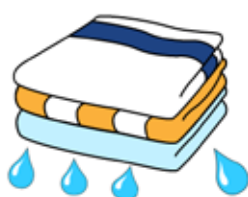


Close windows and doors.

Take your curtains off

or

tie them back.



Wet

- towels
- wool blankets
- cotton blankets.

Put them under the gaps of your doors.



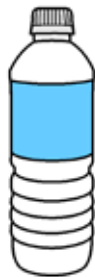
Move your furniture away from windows and doors.



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

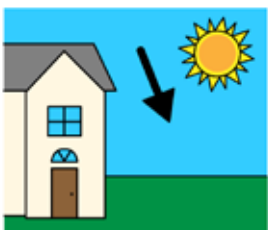
- inside
- and**
- outside your house.

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.



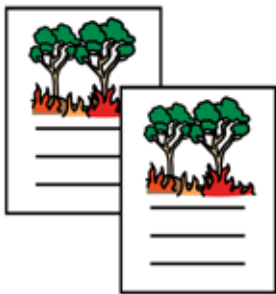
Tell

- 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



The safest place

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

Bushfire Safer Places.

Inner suburbs of Adelaide are safer because they have

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



Places that may not be safe

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

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

They might land on a house and start a fire

Places that may be safe

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

The CFS call

- outer suburbs
- and**
- large towns

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



If the Fire Danger Rating is

- Catastrophic
- Extreme
- Severe

Leaving early is the safest thing to do.



Go to **Bushfire Safer Places**

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



Last Resort Refuge

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

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

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



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

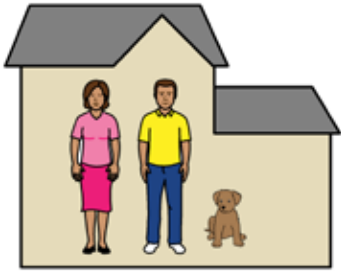
Find the Last Resort Refuge near you.
Check with the CFS.



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

It is safer to leave early. Go to

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



You may get stuck at your house.

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



If your house is on fire leave your house. Go

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



How will you leave?

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

The roads might be busy or blocked.

You can

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



Take your emergency kit.

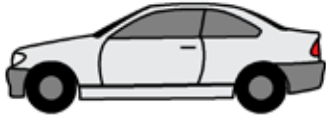


Tell

- friends
 - family
- and**
- your neighbours
- about your Bushfire Plan.

This will help other people know

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



You get stuck in your car

What to do



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



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



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

What to do after the fire has gone



When can you go home?

You must check it is safe before you go home.



Check on the

- TV



- radio



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



- Bushfire Information Hotline

Phone 1800 362 361.



Be ready for what you might see.

Take someone with you.



Watch out for

- powerlines on the ground
- branches on the ground
- things still burning
- animals
- broken walls, roads and bridges.



Leave your house **straight away** if you smell

- gas
 - something burning
 - open sewage
- or if you see
- hot embers
 - live electricity
 - low trees or tree branches
 - broken parts of your house.



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
- 12 My Bushfire Plan - Stay and defend



More information



Bushfire Information Hotline

Phone 1800 362 361



TTY phone 133 677

then ask for 1800 362 361



National Relay Service

Phone 1300 555 727

then ask for 1800 362 361



Website www.cfs.sa.gov.au



Go to your local Bushfire Blitz meeting.
Join or start a Community Fire Safe group for your area.

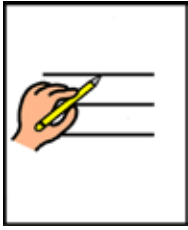
You can also use social media.



- Facebook
www.facebook.com/countryfireservice



- Twitter @CFSTalk



My Notes

Scope's Communication Resource Centre wrote the Easy English in August 2013. www.scopevic.org.au

To see the original book, contact the Country Fire Service (CFS).

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