

Bushfire Emergency Plan

Depending on the fire's stage, you and your property are susceptible to various dangers during a blaze. This page will provide information on how to prepare for a bushfire in Australia and the following steps during or after the bushfire.

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.



Where Will We Go?

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



Decide to Stay, Only If You're Prepared

Before you start, ask your household:

- Is your home well prepared to make it as safe as possible during a fire?

Check the Step 2 property protection checklists.

- Are we putting anyone in our family at risk by staying?

For example children, the elderly, or people with asthma.

- Will we 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're not sure or aren't prepared, you should leave early.



How Will We Get There?

What road will you take? What's your backup plan in case the road is blocked?

Do we have all the equipment we need?

Go through all the items on the Decide to Stay checklist and see what's missing. Make a commitment to get all equipment by a specific date.



What Will We Take?

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

When there is a fire, what is our sign to start defending our home?

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



Who Will We Call to Tell?

Who will we call to let them know we're leaving and that we've got there safely?

Do we know what to do before, during and after a fire?

Study the Decide to Stay action checklist.



What Is Backup Plan?

What if things don't go to plan?
Identify a safer location nearby
such as a neighbour's home
that is well prepared, or a place of
last resort. Is there a



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 one of us is home alone, if we
aren't home, if the
fire moves faster than expected or
if the phone lines and electricity are
down.
