

# My bushfire survival plan

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What address is your bushfire survival plan for?

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## When will you leave?

It is not safe to 'wait and see'. Decide on a clear leave trigger that suits your family or situation.

**Our trigger to leave will be**  
(tick all that apply):

- Fire Danger Rating – Extreme
- Fire Danger Rating – Catastrophic
- Nearby fire moving towards us
- Emergency Alert issued for our area
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Where will you go, and who will you tell?

Identify at least two evacuation locations and two people you will inform when you leave your home.

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Route A: \_\_\_\_\_ Route A: \_\_\_\_\_

Route B: \_\_\_\_\_ Route B: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact 1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact 2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## What will you take?

Your bushfire emergency kit should include the essential items you need to keep your family comfortable and safe.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable battery- or solar-operated radio, plus spare batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> P2 masks                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard copy maps with evacuation routes marked                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles with waterproof matches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof torch  | <input type="checkbox"/> Woollen blankets                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare batteries   | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact numbers       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit with manual                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof bag for valuables    |

Before you go, add the following to your kit:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash, ATM cards and credit cards                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water (at least three litres per person per day) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet carrier, plus leads or harnesses                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special supplies for infants, elderly, injured or disabled people | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water to last several days                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile phone and charger  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet registration and vaccination papers                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important documents, valuables and photos (in a waterproof bag)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Your pet's favourite toy                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes for everyone                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favourite books or toys for children                              |  |

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## Your plan for pets and livestock

Where will you take them?

- Emergency evacuation shelter: \_\_\_\_\_
- Boarding kennel: \_\_\_\_\_
- Family: \_\_\_\_\_
- Agistment properties: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Before you leave

The following steps will give your property the best chance of survival in your absence. Tick all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear space between bushland and your property   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet down the sides of your property, including decks and plants   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear ground litter and roof litter  | <input type="checkbox"/> Take down curtains and move furniture away from windows   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block downpipes with tennis balls and fill gutters with water (don't forget to remove the blockage once the danger has passed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure house number is displayed at road  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut the grass around your property   | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify water sources for firefighters (hydrants, water tanks, pools, creeks, etc.)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove combustibles such as wood piles, hanging baskets, outdoor furniture and mulch from around the building                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Check egress routes to your property for fire truck access (of at least four metres in width and height, with a turn-around area) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apply metal fly screen mesh over vent holes to stop embers getting under houses or into roofs                                  |  |

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## What to do if you can't leave early?

Every bushfire plan must have a contingency plan in case you're unable to leave your area.

### Go to your nearest safer place

Identify nearby safer places that you can relocate to as a last resort at very short notice, such as a sports ground, beach or well-prepared neighbour's house.

Nearby safer place 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearby safer place 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearby safer place 3: \_\_\_\_\_

If a fire is fast approaching and it's too late to evacuate safely, where will you shelter? Tick all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In a room with two exits and a water supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Oval                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open cleared paddock                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam   | Is there anything else you need to consider? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach                                       | _____  |

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## Important contacts

In an emergency, call 000. Use the spaces below to record other important contacts.

Local fire service: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Local council: \_\_\_\_\_

Power company: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Relative/friend 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Relative/friend 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep your completed bushfire survival plan with your bushfire emergency kit, and remember to check and update your plan annually.**

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