

CFA – Bushfire Survival Plan

This planning template is designed for people who have a disability, chronic or acute medical condition or who are older.

As you fill this out, think about how your abilities and support needs affect your plan to leave early. This includes assistive technology, assistance animals and specific health management.

For an accessible word version or to print or download this template, go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au/leaveearly

CFA can visit you for free to provide advice about your property. Request a visit via email:
communityprograms@cfa.vic.gov.au

Please complete the following details:

This Bushfire Survival Plan is for: _____

When living at: _____

My Fire Weather District is: _____

My plan was completed on: (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

1. My Fire Danger Rating trigger to leave is

Catastrophic

- Night before
- Early in the morning

Extreme

- Night before
- Early in the morning

Catastrophic days are the worst conditions for fire.

Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand these conditions.

2. I will find out the daily Fire Danger Rating from

- My neighbour, relative, friend, support worker or carer**
- Listening to ABC Local Radio** or my designated community radio station
- Monitoring** the VicEmergency app or website **www.emergency.vic.gov.au**
- Watching** Sky News TV
- Calling **VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226**
 - If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a communication impairment contact VicEmergency via the **National Relay Service 1800 555 677**
 - If you do not speak English, call the **Translating and Interpreting Service 131 450** for translated information from VicEmergency

3. What I will take

- Personal items** (mobile phone, money, keys, identification, glasses, jewellery)

- Essential items for daily living** (mobility aids, communication aids, assistive technology devices and chargers)

- Medical** equipment, medications and prescriptions

- Important documents** (will, insurance papers)

Other

My emergency kit is stored

4. I will stay at

Option 1

Details

Name:

Telephone:

Mobile number:

Address:

I am able to stay more than one night:

Yes

No

Option 2

Details

Name:

Telephone:

Mobile number:

Address:

I am able to stay more than one night:

Yes

No

5. I will get there by

- Driving my car

**Always make sure you know alternative routes
and have plenty of fuel**

- Public transport

**Ensure you have a current timetable and that
the service is operating**

- Taxi or other ride share options

Company: _____

Telephone: _____

- My neighbour, relative or friend picking me up

**Always make sure to call the day/night before to
confirm they are still picking me up**

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

6. What I will do with my pet(s) or assistance animal

Pet(s) will come with me

(with their leads, food, bedding, crate etc.)

Pet(s) will be left at home

(with fresh water and food)

I have an assistance animal that travels with me

Pet(s) will be left with neighbours or in a kennel

(with lead, food, bedding, vaccination certificates)

Name of kennel: _____

Telephone: _____

Some fires can continue for many days, even weeks. It is important to factor this into your plan for your pets in case you cannot come back to your home.

7. I will tell these people that I am leaving early

Personal contacts

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Service providers

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Name: _____

Telephone or email: _____

Returning home

I will return home when the Fire Danger Rating is of lower risk. I will know this through the information I receive from my preferred source of information as noted in this plan.

Backup plan

There may be some circumstances where a safe evacuation is not possible and you will be told it's too late to leave. You may need to seek another shelter option.

If I am unable to leave as planned, I will

- Go to a nearby well-prepared property (if previously discussed)

Address:

- Actively shelter at home

- Go to a Place of Last Resort – Designated Neighbourhood Safer Place or Community Fire Refuge

Location:

Route(s) I will take to get there

Remember, leaving early is always the safest option.
You must plan your own survival.

- When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic, leaving the night before or early in the morning is the safest option for your survival.
- Sheltering in an unprepared house without active defence is extremely dangerous.
- Disruptions to services such as power and water are common during bushfires. Expect interruptions to your NBN, electricity, telephones, mobile phones or mains water.
- CFA cannot guarantee a fire truck will come to your home.
- Older people, children and people with a disability should not remain in a bushfire-prone area during dangerous fire weather or a bushfire.
- Never wait to receive a warning, you may not get an official warning about a bushfire before its too late.
- You will not be told when to leave or assisted to leave during a bushfire. You must follow your plan.

You must plan for your own survival.

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