



# Fire Ready Kit

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# Foreword

Bushfires and grassfires pose a significant threat to all those living, working or travelling in Victoria. Preparation and planning can save you and your family from being killed by fire.

CFA – as always – will do everything we can to protect lives and property. But there is only so much we can do. There will never be enough firefighters, fire trucks and firefighting aircraft to have these resources at everyone's back door during a large bushfire.

The responsibility for surviving the fire season is shared between emergency services and the community. We all – including you – share the responsibility for our community's safety.

That's why we have developed and updated this *Fire Ready Kit*. It is an important resource. It will help you plan for survival, beginning with the basics of preparing before the fire season, through to planning what to do if fire is in your area and you cannot leave.

There is a new section on 'What you need to do to stay informed', including where to find warnings and updates, and the actions you need to take when fire is in your area.

Above all, this Kit provides a step-by-step guide to leaving early – from writing down your leave early plan before the fire season, to acting on it on a high-risk day. The decision about when to leave may be the most important decision you make during the fire season – quite literally, your life and the safety of your family may depend on your decision.

You are not alone in your preparations. Advice and support are available with details provided throughout this Kit. Draw on these resources to make this fire season a safe one.

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