

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

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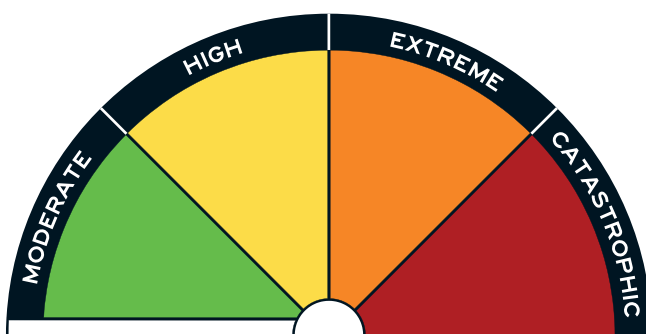
This Bushfire Survival Plan is for:

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

	<input type="checkbox"/> My neighbour, relative, friend, support worker or carer		<input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring the VicEmergency app or website www.emergency.vic.gov.au
	<input type="checkbox"/> Listening to ABC Local Radio or my designated community radio station		<input type="checkbox"/> Watching Sky News TV
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Personal items (mobile phone, money, keys, identification, glasses, jewellery) <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Essential items for daily living (mobility aids, communication aids, assistive technology devices and chargers) <hr/> <hr/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment, medications and prescriptions <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Important documents (will, insurance papers) <hr/> <hr/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> My emergency kit is stored <hr/> <hr/>

4. I will stay at

Details	Option 1	Option 2
Name		
Telephone		
Mobile number		
Address		
I am able to stay more than one night	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. I will get there by

	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving my car	Always make sure you know alternative routes and have plenty of fuel
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transport	Ensure you have a current timetable and that the service is operating
	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxi or other ride share options	Company _____ Telephone _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Pet(s) will come with me (with their leads, food, bedding, crate etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet(s) will be left with neighbours or in a kennel (with lead, food, bedding, vaccination certificates)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet(s) will be left at home (with fresh water and food)	Name of kennel _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I have an assistance animal that travels with me	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

Details	Name	Telephone or email
Personal contacts		
Service providers		

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

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

Location

Actively shelter at home

Route(s) I will take to get there

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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.