



Bushfire Safety for Workers

Summer Safe Travel Online Module

Key tips summary



Plan

- Every year there are bushfires in Victoria
- Fire danger is highest on hot, dry, windy days.
- Be prepared from the start of summer. Check the Fire Danger Ratings each day.
- The Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started – the higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions.
- Bushfires on **Extreme** or **Code Red** days are uncontrollable.
- Do not travel on **Code Red** days.
- Do not travel if possible on **Extreme** or **Severe** fire rating days or alter your routes. If you need to travel, do so first thing in the morning.



Prepare

- Have a bushfire survival kit in the car.
- Store on the floor of your car's back seat.
- Download the Vic Emergency app and store the Vic Emergency number 1800 226 226 in your phone.



Drive

- Follow your travel and contact plan.
- Stay aware of what is happening around you.
- Change your routes or change your appointments to the morning on Severe or Extreme rated days. Never travel in high risk areas on a Code Red day as it is extremely dangerous.



Survive – in a car

- If you suspect a fire pull over and check your Vic Emergency app, or call the VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226
- Smoke, ash, embers, or a large column of smoke in the distance are all signs of a nearby fire.
- DO NOT continue driving towards a fire, always turn back and drive away from the fire.
- If caught in a bushfire in a car:
 - o Park the car behind a solid structure or in a cleared area.
 - o Turn off your engine.
 - o Turn on all lights and close all windows and vents.
 - o Change into natural fibre clothes
 - o Shelter below window level in the footwell.
 - o Cover yourself with a wool blanket.
 - o Drink water.
 - o Once the fire front has passed, call 000.



Survive - in a house

- If caught at a client's home during a bushfire:
 - o Stay inside the house.
 - o Change everyone into heavy natural fibre clothes and boots.
 - o Shelter in a room with at least two exits.
 - o Close doors and block door gaps.
 - o Fill sinks or baths with water.
- If the house catches fire:
 - o Move away from the fire room by room.
 - o Close doors as you go.
 - o Always have a point of exit.
 - o Move outside to burnt ground as soon as you safely can.
- Drink plenty of water.

Bushfires and grassfires are extremely dangerous. Always plan to be well away from high fire risk areas on Code Red and Extreme days. Put your safety first.