



Get ready for bushfires

CFA



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.



We will write contact information at the end of this book.

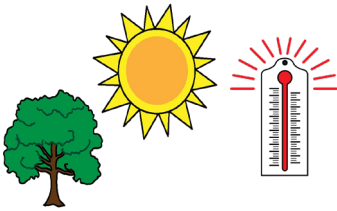
About this book



This book is from CFA.



This book is about how to get your home ready for bushfires.



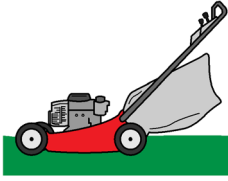
Bushfires are more likely to happen in the hotter times of the year.

Hotter times of the year can be summer and autumn.



You can get your home ready in spring to help protect it from a bushfire.

You should get ready outside



You should keep your grass cut short in the hotter times of the year.

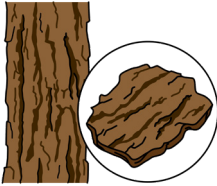


You should clean up

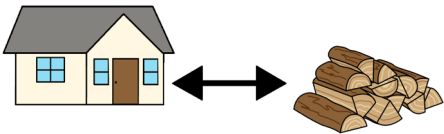
- leaves



- sticks



- bark.



You should keep piles of wood away from your house.

You should **not** have big plants



- next to windows

- under windows.



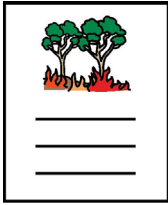
You should

- cut back tree branches near buildings

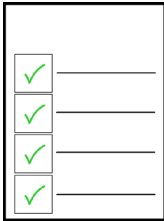


- clean leaves out of the gutters on your house.

You should get your bushfire plan ready



It is a good idea to have a **bushfire plan**.

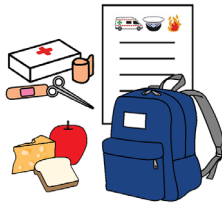


A bushfire plan says what you will do if there is a bushfire near you.

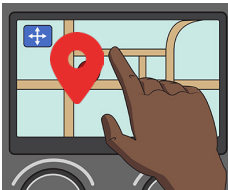


You can write in your bushfire plan

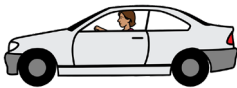
- when you will leave



- what you will take

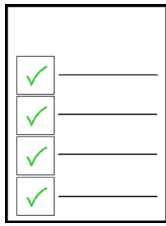


- where you will go



- how you will leave.

Who should know about your bushfire plan?



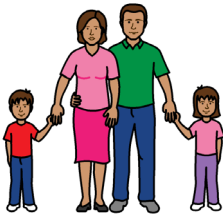
Everyone who lives in the house should know what is in the bushfire plan.



You should practise the plan before summer.



You should tell people what your plan says.

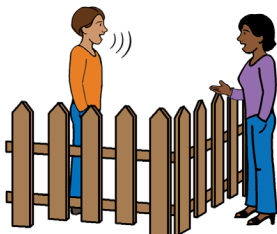


You can tell

- your family



- your friends



- your neighbours.

You should keep phone numbers ready



You should save important numbers in your phone.



You should have the VicEmergency Hotline number in your phone.



The number is 1800 226 226.



Other numbers you might need if there is a bushfire are

- family and support people



- doctor



- vet



- insurance company.

More information



For more information contact CFA.



Website cfa.vic.gov.au



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You can call the VicEmergency Hotline for more information about fires in your area.



Call 1800 226 226



Call 000 in an emergency.

You can read the full information on our website.



Website cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

If you need help with English



Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call.

You can call the TIS in your language.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.

If you need help to speak or listen



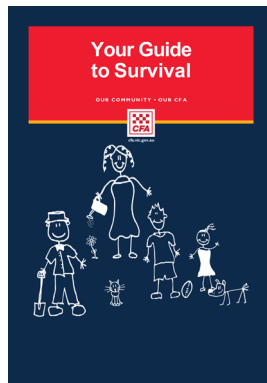
Use the National Relay Service to make a phone call.



Call 1800 555 677



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