# HELP CATCH BUSHFIRE ARSONISTS BEFORE THEY STRIKE.

If you observe any suspicious behaviour, call **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

If you suspect someone of bushfire arson, call **Crime Stoppers** confidentially on **1800 333 000**.

If you are suspicious of a person or a vehicle, write down the following details:

#### For vehicles:

- · registration
- · make
- · model
- · colour
- · any damage to vehicle

#### For individuals:

- · age
- · height
- · hair colour
- · build
- · facial hair
- · clothing
- · ethnic appearance



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Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency







## YOU ARE IN AN AREA OF BUSHFIRE ARSON RISK.

#### What is bushfire arson?

A bushfire caused by a person intentionally or recklessly.

#### Arson is a serious crime

The maximum penalty for arson causing death in Victoria is 25 years imprisonment. The maximum penalty for intentionally or recklessly causing a bushfire is 15 years imprisonment.

#### If you see something

Victoria Police and Crime Stoppers urge the community to report suspicious behaviour by calling **Triple Zero** (000).

#### If you know something

People who commit bushfire arson are not always strangers, they often live and work in local communities. If you have concerns about a member of your family, a friend or colleague, they might need help.

#### Say something

If you do know something, say something. You can provide information to **Crime Stoppers** confidentially on **1800 333 000**.

### ABOUT 50% OF BUSHFIRES ARE BELIEVED TO BE DELIBERATELY OR RECKLESSLY LIT.

Source: Advancing Bushfire Arson Prevention in Australia, Monash Sustainability Institute (2010).

## **BUSHFIRES RUIN LIVES. REPORT AN ARSONIST.**

Bushfire arson has a devastating impact on the community. It has the potential to injure or kill people, cause significant financial loss, and destroy property as well as the environment.

#### **Operation Firesetter**

Victoria Police, as part of Operation Firesetter, will be conducting highly visible patrols to prevent and apprehend arsonists.

Investigations into suspicious fire activity and bushfire arson persons of interest will also be undertaken.

Operation Firesetter is a state-wide coordinated initiative that will intensify during periods of high fire danger.

