



# BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN LEAVING FOR A SAFER PLACE

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.

## FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for (list all household members):

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What will be your trigger to leave? (consider triggers such as seeing a fire, the smell of smoke, family members being home alone, the Fire Danger Rating, loss of water or power and the ability to leave your home safely)

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What will you do with your pets and/or livestock?

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What will you take with you? (eg. survival kit, personal documents, personal items, medications and mobile phones)

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How will you get to your safer place?

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Where will you and your family/household go?

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What will you do if someone is at school or work?

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Who have you told about your bushfire survival plan and your intention to leave?

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List any actions that you need to take that are specific to your home: (that may not be outlined in the leaving for a safer place checklist)

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Who will you call when you arrive at your safer place?

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List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they are unable to leave)

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Where will you store your protective clothing?

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## WHAT IS YOUR BACKUP PLAN?

You and your family planned to leave but it is too late.  
What will you do?

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What might go wrong with your plan to leave? (eg. you have no transport)

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How safe is your home if leaving is no longer an option?

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## PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

What will you do as the fire front approaches? (ie. closing all doors and windows, filling buckets with water, turning off your evaporative air conditioner)

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Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

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List equipment you will need: (hoses, rakes, shovels pumps, generators etc.)

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Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it? Do you have at least 20,000 litres?

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What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to be safer?

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