

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES

Places of last resort in bush fire



A Neighbourhood Safer Place is a **place of last resort** during a bush fire emergency. They are to be used when all other options in your Bush Fire Survival Plan cannot be put into action safely.



A Neighbourhood Safer Place does not guarantee your safety.

You should be aware of any Neighbourhood Safer Places in your area, and note them in your Bush Fire Survival Plan before a bush fire occurs.

If there is no Neighbourhood Safer Place in your area, you should identify other safer locations you can go to as a last resort, such as a nearby home which is well prepared, shopping centre or oval, which are well away from the bush.

If it is unsafe to leave the area or take shelter in your property, and the path is clear, you should move to your pre-identified Neighbourhood Safer Places, or other safer location, well before the impact of a bush fire. Attempting to travel to an Neighbourhood Safer Places too late can introduce more risks than sheltering in place.

Conditions at the Neighbourhood Safer Place may be uncomfortable and you may be affected by heat, smoke and embers. Water, toilets and food may not be available at the Neighbourhood Safer Place and emergency service personnel may not be present. Neighbourhood Safer Places are not designed for pets and large animals.



Leaving early, well before a fire threatens, IS always THE safest option.

For more information on what you can do to prepare for bush fire this season:



NSW Rural Fire Service Website
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
www.myfireplan.com.au



Bush Fire Information Line
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)



Your nearest NSW RFS
Fire Control Centre:

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