



BUSH FIRE SAFETY FOR TRAVELLERS

Bush fires can occur quickly and without warning. There are important things you can do to reduce your risk from a bush fire while travelling.

It's your responsibility to ensure you and your family are prepared for a bush fire when you are travelling away from home.

Bush and grass fires often cross roads and highways. Smoke can reduce visibility and roads may close without warning.

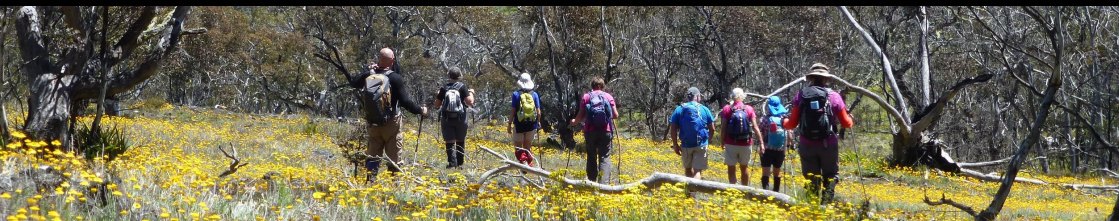
BEFORE YOU GO

- Tell someone where you plan to go and who is with you
- Don't travel through remote areas on a Total Fire Ban day
- Check the Fire Danger Rating - the higher the Fire Danger Rating the more dangerous the conditions
- Think about the area you are going to and what you would do if a fire started
- Identify nearby Neighbourhood Safer Places
- Check the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone application or website for any current incidents or hazard reductions in the area. Avoid any unnecessary travel to these areas
- Set up a watch zone on the Fires Near Me app for the areas you will be traveling through and for your destination
- Pack an Emergency Survival Kit
- Note down important emergency information sources and download the Emergency+ smartphone application

WHILE TRAVELLING

- Monitor weather conditions on the Bureau of Meteorology website
- Stay up-to-date with any fire activity nearby via the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone application and website
- Avoid travelling through or to areas when Fire Danger Ratings are elevated. Your safest place is always to be well away from heavily forested areas
- Before lighting any fire, check restrictions and whether a Total Fire Ban has been declared

IF TRAVELLING IN A NATIONAL PARK OR STATE FOREST FURTHER RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY.



IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A FIRE

In a Car

- Face the front of your car towards the fire and park off the road in a clear area away from trees, scrub and tall grass
- Close windows and air vents
- Turn off the engine and turn on headlights and hazard lights
- Cover yourself with a woollen blanket and stay in the car below the windows to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Drink plenty of water and cover your mouth with a damp cloth
- Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed, carefully leave the car (it will be hot)

On Foot

- Do not panic or try to outrun the fire – if you see smoke ahead turn back
- Find a cleared area with rocks, hollows, embankments, streams or roads to protect you and avoid hilltops
- Keep low and cover any exposed skin
- Drink water and cover your mouth with a damp cloth

IF YOUR LIFE IS AT RISK, CONTACT TRIPLE ZERO (000) IMMEDIATELY.

EMERGENCY BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

The NSW Rural Fire Service strongly encourages keeping these numbers, links and apps handy:



Fires Near Me NSW App



www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



facebook.com/nswrfs



twitter.com/nswrfs



Listen to local radio, TV and news,

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



**Your nearest NSW RFS
Fire Control Centre:**



Bush Fire Information Line

1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

