

People with a disability and bushfires

Are you prepared for bushfire?

Some people living in the community are at higher risk during a bushfire. It is strongly recommended that people with a disability evacuate to a safe place the day before a forecast catastrophic fire danger day if they live in a high fire danger area.

The questions on this sheet are designed to help you plan what you will need to do to stay safe during this year's bushfire season. A good bushfire plan means preparing your home and yourself.

You should discuss your plans with family, friends and neighbours

Your home

- Have your gutters been cleared?
- Are your lawns regularly cut?
- Have any branches overhanging your home been removed?
- Are the outside walls of your home clear of any stacked or stored things?
- Is your yard tidy with all rubbish removed?

Yourself

- Do you know the warning for high fire danger in your area?
- Have you organised with your family, friends or neighbours to stay in contact on high fire danger days?
- Do you have transport to leave your home on high fire dangers days?
- Do you know what you need to take with you?
- Have you organised where you will go?
- Do you know where your local community will evacuate to if a fire occurs suddenly?
- Have you organised how you will get there if a fire occurs suddenly?

For more information

- Country Fire Authority (CFA): You can find detailed information and local area phone numbers on the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or you can call 03 9262 8444 to get your local area number.
- *Living in the bush, bushfire survival plan workbook*. This CFA booklet shows how to make a bushfire survival plan and how to prepare your home. You can find it on the internet at <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au> under publications.

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