



# Bushfire Survival Plan

**This planning template is designed for people who have a disability, chronic or acute medical condition or who are older.**

**As you fill this out, think about how your abilities and support needs affect your plan to leave early. This includes assistive technology, assistance animals and specific health management.**

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Please complete the following details:

**This Bushfire Survival Plan is for:**

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**When living at:**

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**My Fire Weather District is:**

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**My plan was completed on: (dd/mm/yyyy)**

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# 1. My Fire Danger Rating trigger to leave is



## CODE RED

- Night before
- Early in the morning

## EXTREME

- Night before
- Early in the morning

## SEVERE








- Night before
- Early in the morning



**Code Red days are the worst conditions for fire.**

Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand these conditions.

## 2. I will find out the daily Fire Danger Rating from

	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>My neighbour, relative, friend, support worker or carer</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Listening to ABC Local Radio</b> or my designated community radio station
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Monitoring</b> the VicEmergency app or website <b>www.emergency.vic.gov.au</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Watching Sky News TV</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Calling VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226</b>   If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a communication impairment contact VicEmergency via the <b>National Relay Service 1800 555 677</b>   If you do not speak English, call the <b>Translating and Interpreting Service 131 450</b> for translated information from VicEmergency

### 3. What I will take

**Personal items**

(mobile phone, money, keys, identification, glasses, jewellery)

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**Medical** equipment, medications and prescriptions

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**Essential items for daily living**

(mobility aids, communication aids, assistive technology devices and chargers)

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## What I will take (continued)

- Important documents** (will, insurance papers)

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- Other**

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**My emergency kit is stored**

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## 4. I will stay at

### Option 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**I am able to stay more than one night**

Yes     No

### Option 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number \_\_\_\_\_





Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I am able to stay more than one night**

Yes     No

## 5. I will get there by

	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Driving my car</b> Always make sure you know alternative routes and have plenty of fuel
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public transport</b> Ensure you have a current timetable and that the service is operating
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Taxi or other ride share options</b> <b>Company</b> _____ <b>Telephone</b> _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>My neighbour, relative or friend picking me up</b> Always make sure to call the day/night before to confirm they are still picking me up <b>Name</b> _____ _____ <b>Telephone</b> _____

## 6. What I will do with my pet(s) or assistance animal

- Pet(s) will come with me**  
(with their leads, food, bedding, crate etc.)
- Pet(s) will be left at home**  
(with fresh water and food)
- I have an assistance animal that travels with me**
- Pet(s) will be left with neighbours or in a kennel**  
(with lead, food, bedding, vaccination certificates)

**Name of kennel** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_



Some fires can continue for many days, even weeks. It is important to factor this into your plan for your pets in case you cannot come back to your home.



## **7. I will tell these people that I am leaving early**

### **Personal contacts**

**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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# **I will tell these people that I am leaving early (continued)**

## **Service providers**

**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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**Name**

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**Telephone or email**

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## **Returning home**

I will return home when the Fire Danger Rating is of lower risk. I will know this through the information I receive from my preferred source of information as noted in this plan.

## **Backup plan**

There may be some circumstances where a safe evacuation is not possible and you will be told it's too late to leave. You may need to seek another shelter option.

# If I am unable to leave as planned, I will

- Go to a nearby well-prepared property**  
(if previously discussed)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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- Actively shelter at home**

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- Go to a Place of Last Resort**  
Designated Neighbourhood Safer Place or  
Community Fire Refuge

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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Route(s) I will take to get there

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## **Remember, leaving early is always the safest option. You must plan your own survival.**

- When the Fire Danger Rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red, leaving the night before or early in the morning is the safest option for your survival.
- Bushfires can occur suddenly and without warning.
- Sheltering in an unprepared house without active defence is extremely dangerous. The safest option is always to leave the day before or early in the morning.
- Disruptions to services such as power and water are common during bushfires. Expect interruptions to your NBN, electricity, telephones, mobile phones or mains water.
- CFA cannot guarantee a fire truck will come to your home to protect you during a bushfire.
- Older people, children and people with a disability should not remain in a bushfire-prone area during dangerous fire weather or a bushfire.
- Never wait to receive a warning, you may not get an official warning about a bushfire before it's too late.
- You will not be told when to leave or assisted to leave during a bushfire. You must follow your plan.

**You must plan for your own survival.**