

Bushfire

Bushfires can start suddenly without warning. Understanding what to expect and having a plan about what you will do can help you cope if you get caught.

CFS (Country Fire Service) offers 5 Minute Bushfire Plan that can be completed in 3 easy steps. Use this plan if you live in a bushfire area or will be driving through or visiting someone in a bushfire area.

For translated and Easy Read bushfire guide visit <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/about/publications/easy-english-other-languages/>

Before the bushfire season, it's important to prepare your property and your family.

- know the bushfire risk and history of the area you live, work and travel in
- Know your daily Fire Danger Rating and which Fire Ban District you live in <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/australian-fire-danger-ratings/> + <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/total-fire-bans-ratings/>
- Plan what you will do and where you will go when there is a bushfire or on days of Extreme of Catastrophic Fire Danger
- Know where your nearest Bushfire Safer Place and Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are, and how to use them <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/bushfire-safer-places/>
- Know how you will access emergency information e.g. via the CFS Website <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/warnings/current-warnings/>, ABC Adelaide Radio 891AM, Social Media, Information Hotline 1800 362 361, and the Alert SA phone app.
- Talk to friends, family and neighbours about your plans
- Plan what you will do if you are at work or

travelling on high risk days or during a bushfire

- Read CFS' [Your Guide to Bushfire Safety](#), or [Easy Read Guide](#) or attend an event with the CFS <https://cfs.sa.gov.au/events/events/all-events/>

To prepare yourself and your property.

CFS Recommends:

- know the bushfire risk of your property (you can use the CFS' [Household self-assessment tool](#))
- Remove flammable objects and materials, such as mulch, wood and outdoor furniture from around your home
- Create defensible space by managing the vegetation within 20 metres of your home. You can do this by removing low hanging branches, clearing leaves, and keeping grass short. Cut back trees overhanging or touching your home.
- Ember-proof your home: seal gaps and areas under your home, verandas or balconies; repair any loose tiles or gaps in your roof; cover windows, gaps and vents with fine wire mesh or flywire; repair or fill corners and cracks where leaves or embers could gather.
- Remove leaves from gutters.
- Check and service all equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers.
- Check that your insurance is still adequate
- Prepare / check your emergency kit (see kit section)
- Review, update and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan.

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