



## PUBLIC FACT SHEET No. 2 – Bushfire Preparation

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### FACT

While there are elements of bushfire that you cannot control, like the weather, there is a wide range of planning and preparation activities that you can undertake which will dramatically increase the chances of you, your family and your home surviving in the event of a bushfire., including the maintenance of adequate levels of insurance.

#### Always have an up to date [Bushfire Survival Plan](#)

- Review and rehearse your plan regularly
- Involve the whole family so everyone knows what to do
- Have a contingency plan and know the location of your local **Neighbourhood Safer Place**
- Always know the current [Fire Danger Rating](#) in your area

#### Always maintain a defensible space around your home by

- Mowing your grass regularly
- Removing excess ground fuels and other combustible material
- Cleaning leaves from gutters, roofs and downpipes regularly
- Trimming low lying branches 2 metres from the ground surrounding your home

#### You should also

- Enclose open areas under your decks and floors
- Install fine steel wire mesh screens on all windows, doors, vents and weepholes
- Relocate flammable items away from your home including woodpiles, paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets and garden furniture
- Seal all gaps in external roof and wall cladding

#### Ensure you have prepared and have ready access to your

- Personal protective clothing
- Bushfire Survival Kit
- Relocation Kit

On days of **Catastrophic** fire danger rating leaving is the **ONLY** option to ensure you and your families' survival and on days of **Extreme** fire danger rating leaving is the safest option.

Failure to take action can result in death or injury to you or your family members.



For more information contact your local fire station or visit:  
[www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) or [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or [www.esa.act.gov.au](http://www.esa.act.gov.au)

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000)**

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