

BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Our **LEAVE EARLY** Plan

WE WROTE OUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN ON: ___ / ___ / ___



IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU LEAVE EARLY IF:

- There is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating.
- There is a Extreme Fire Danger Rating and your home has not been specially designed and constructed.
- Your property has not been well maintained.
- The people who will be actively at home are not emotionally prepared or physically fit.

ON ANY OTHER DAY OUR TRIGGERS TO LEAVE EARLY WILL BE:

(Consider triggers such as a fire in the vicinity of your home, the smell of smoke, family members being home alone, loss of water or power and the ability to leave your home safely.)

WE WILL GO TO:

(Consider low fire risk areas.)

WE WILL GET THERE BY:

(Depending on where the fire is located, you may need to consider alternate routes.)

WE WILL TAKE:

(Prepare your Emergency Survival Kit as well as anything else you might need such as kids' favourite toys, medications, pet needs.)

WE WILL TELL:

(Make sure people know where you are going to and when you get there safely.)

OUR BACK-UP PLAN

Sometimes things don't go according to plan.

To make sure our family is always safe our other **Leave Early** options are:

Our Places of Last Resort are:

(Neighbourhood Safer Places and other safe locations.)

Our back-up travel routes are:

If we cannot leave the house, we will:

Don't forget to close the doors and windows before you leave.

Scenarios you should consider include:

What will you do if you have no time to leave and a fire threatens you, what if local roads become unusable, what happens if the children are home alone or if it is a weekday versus a weekend or if you are unwell?

Our **STAY AND DEFEND** Plan

WE WROTE OUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN ON: ___ / ___ / ___



IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU DO NOT STAY AND DEFEND IF:

- There is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating.
- There is a Extreme Fire Danger Rating and your home has not been specially designed and constructed.
- Your property has not been well maintained.
- The people who will be actively defending are not emotionally prepared or physically fit.

THE OTHER TRIGGERS THAT MEAN WE WILL NOT STAY AND DEFEND ARE:

(Consider triggers such as a fire in the vicinity of your home, family members being home alone, loss of water or power or failure of equipment.)

AS THE FIRE APPROACHES WE WILL:

(Prepare for an ember attack on or near your home. List the actions you will take.)

ONCE THE FIRE HAS ARRIVED WE WILL:

(Stay safe by monitoring the fire from inside your house. List the actions you are going to do such as check inside the roof space.)

AFTER THE FIRE HAS PASSED WE WILL:

(Patrol your property, checking under the house, decks and in the roof space for any burning embers. You may need to do this for several hours. Outline the actions you will take.)

OUR BACK-UP PLAN

Sometimes things don't go according to plan. To make sure our family is always safe our other **Stay and Defend** options are:

Our Places of Last Resort are:

(Neighbourhood Safer Places and other safe locations.)

Our back-up travel routes are:

If we cannot leave the house, we will:

Scenarios you should consider include:

What will you do if you have no time to leave and a fire threatens you, what if local roads become unusable, what happens if the children are home alone or if it is a weekday versus a weekend or if you are unwell?