



# BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN PLANNING TO ACTIVELY DEFEND

**Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family and personal situation. You may wish to sketch a plan of your house and property to help you identify hazards and plan actions to reduce these risks.**

## FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS

This bushfire survival plan is for: (list all household members)

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Who will leave for a safer place? (consider very young children, elderly, people with disabilities and ill family members).

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Where will they go and how will they get there?

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What will be the trigger for them to leave?

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What will you do if someone is at school or work?

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What additional items do you need to add to your survival kit and where will it be stored?

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## PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

Identify potential fire risks around your home: (gaps in roofing and structure, evaporative air conditioners, vents, chimneys etc.)

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List any modifications you need to make and when:

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List equipment you will need and where you will store it: (hoses, rakes, shovels, pumps, generators etc.)

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Where is your independent water supply and how will you access it? Do you have at least 20,000 litres to defend your property?

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## PERSONAL SAFETY

How many people will you need to actively defend your home?

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Who will be there to help you?

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List the items of protective clothing you will need: (everyone should have protective clothing in case they cannot leave)

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Where will you store your protective clothing?

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What is your backup plan if one person is home alone?

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What is your backup plan if you cannot to return to your home to actively defend your house (roads blocked)?

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## ON THE DAY OF A BUSHFIRE

List what you need to do before the fire front arrives that are specific to your property: (that may not be listed in the 'planning to actively defend' checklist)

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What do you need to do to make your pets and livestock safe?

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If you plan to relocate some family members, pets or livestock and then return to your house, when will this be done and how long will this take?

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What will you do if your home catches on fire while the fire front is passing? Where will you go to shelter?

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