

Bushfires can occur without warning and can quickly impact your holiday location. If you are planning a holiday, you need to think about fire safety.

The following information will help you to prepare if a bushfire does occur.

## Days of high fire danger and Total Fire Ban

These are days when high temperatures and strong northerly winds and low humidity occur. Think about what you will do on those days, activities should be restricted e.g. no barbecues or camp fires and avoid activities that can place you in areas of high risk. Instead of bushwalking - go swimming, or visit local attractions in low fire risk areas.

Travelling in the country during the bushfire season needs to be done with extreme caution and vigilance. If driving and you see smoke or fire, use caution, do not travel towards or through it.

**Plan alternative arrangements and plan to stay safe!**

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*The best strategy  
 is not to drive in an area  
 where there is a bushfire*  
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**fire**

### To report a fire call 000 and tune into your local ABC Radio or FIVEaa

Transmitter Area	Callsign	Frequency
Adelaide	FIVEaa	1395 AM
Adelaide	891 ABC Adelaide	891 AM
Andamooka	ABC North and West	105.9 FM
Coober Pedy	ABC North and West	106.1 FM
Glendambo	ABC North and West	106.1 FM
Leigh Creek Coalfield	ABC North and West	99.3 FM
Leigh Creek South	ABC North and West	1602 AM
Marree	ABC North and West	105.7 FM
Mintabie	ABC North and West	88.7 FM
Moomba	ABC North and West	106.1 FM
Mount Gambier	1476 ABC South East	1476 AM
Naracoorte	1161 ABC South East	1161 AM
Oodnadatta	ABC North and West	95.3 FM
Port Lincoln	1485 ABC Eyre Peninsula	1485 AM
Port Pirie	639 ABC North and West	639 AM
Renmark/Loxton	1062 ABC Riverland	1062 AM
Roxby Downs	ABC North and West	102.7 FM
Streaky Bay	693 ABC Eyre Peninsula	693 AM
Todmorden	ABC North and West	106.1 FM
Woomera	ABC North and West	1584 AM
Yalata	ABC North and West	105.9 FM



Fact sheets are available from your regional CFS office or can be downloaded at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

**CFS**  
 bushfire information hotline  
**1300 362 361**

# Holiday Bushfire Safety & Survival

Staying safe during the Bushfire Season



## In the event of a Bushfire

Remain vigilant of your surroundings, and follow any advice or directions provided by Emergency Services Personnel or via an Emergency broadcast on local ABC AM radio\* or FIVEaa.

Let someone know your plans and how to contact you.

During a bushfire the critical time for personal safety is during the 5-10 minutes it takes for the fire front to pass.

There will be extreme radiant heat, dense smoke and high temperatures.

## Radiant Heat

Radiant heat can kill. You need to cover up, dress to protect yourself, and take refuge from direct heat.

Good solid structures and appropriate clothing will provide protection from the radiant heat. Radiant heat cannot penetrate through solid objects, which means your best protection is in a well-prepared house. If you leave your house, you will lose its protection.

## Personal Protection – Clothing

- Cover all exposed skin to protect from radiant heat.
- Long sleeved shirt and trousers in natural fibres (eg wool or cotton).
- Wide brimmed hat and solid shoes or boots.

## Holiday Accommodation

A building can offer you protection from the radiant heat of a bushfire. Provided it is well maintained and cleared of vegetation a building will provide you with a safer refuge than a vehicle or by being in the open.

Refer to your accommodation's Bushfire Action Plan.

## While travelling

Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained for the journey you are undertaking. Keep several woollen blankets in your car and a supply of fresh water, just in case you are caught in a bushfire. Never travel towards a bushfire or smoke.

If you are aware of bushfires before you leave home, plan an alternative route. If you come across smoke while travelling, turn around and go back. Listen to the radio and ask locally for help to find a safe way through.

### If you do need to use your car as a shelter from a bushfire:

- Find a clearing away from dense bush and high ground fuel loads.
- Position the car facing towards the oncoming fire front.
- Park the car off the roadway to avoid collisions in poor visibility.
- Turn headlights and hazard warning lights on.
- Tightly close all windows and doors.

- Stay inside your car – it offers the best protection from the radiant heat.
- Shut all the air vents and turn the air conditioning off.
- Turn the engine off.
- Get down below the window level into the foot wells and shelter under woollen blankets.
- Drink water to minimise the risks of dehydration.

## As the fire front passes

- Stay in the car until the fire front has passed.
- Fuel tanks are very unlikely to explode.
- Smoke gradually gets inside the car and fumes will be released from the interior of the car. Stay as close to the floor as possible to minimise inhalation and cover mouth with a moist cloth.
- Tyres and external plastic body parts may catch alight. In more extreme cases the car interior may catch on fire.
- Once the fire front has passed and the temperature has dropped cautiously exit the car (be careful – internal parts will be extremely hot).
- Move to a safe area such as a strip of land that has already burnt.
- Stay covered in woollen blankets, continue to drink water and await assistance.