



# CFS FACT SHEET

## How will you travel?

Travel by car if possible and if travelling with a neighbour organise it well in advance.

Consider how long it will take to travel out of the area. Remember that during a bushfire, trips that would usually take only a couple of minutes may take much longer.

Identify a number of alternative routes to take if the need arises.

Preparations should include having adequate fuel, a woollen blanket, container of water, and a first aid kit in the vehicle in case you are caught in the passage of a fire.

## What will you take?

You should take your pre-prepared 'emergency kit' for your family and pets.

**See CFS Fact Sheet No. 3.3 - 'Emergency Kits'.**

## What if family members are separated?

Plan what you will do in a range of events where the family are separated, such as your children being at school or family members are away at work. Find out the school policy if bushfire threatens. Don't allow panic to drive anyone out in life threatening conditions searching for missing family members or pets. Ensure that all members of your family are familiar with your Bushfire Survival Plan and have options in case you are separated.

## What if you are unable to leave?

A situation may arise during a bushfire that makes it difficult or dangerous for you to leave, placing you in a situation where you have to stay. It is imperative therefore that you have a contingency plan to cater for such situations so you can seek refuge accordingly.

## Checklist for planning to leave early

- When will you leave – have you decided what will be your trigger?
- Will your plan be different for weekdays, weekends or if someone is home sick?
- Are all members of your household going to leave early?
- Which members of your household (if any) will stay and defend?
- Where will you and your family go to ensure you are all safe? (Do you have friends, relatives or fun activities in a nearby Bushfire Safer Place?)
- What route will you take to get there?
- How long will it take to get there?
- What will you take when you leave early?
- What will you do if there are many fire risk days in one week?
- What warnings can you expect to get?
- Do your friends, family and neighbours know the details of your plan?
- What will you do with your pets and animals?
- What will be your trigger to return?
- Do you have a contingency plan if it is unsafe to leave?



Think about what you would like to take with you and pack it in an Emergency Kit.