

CFS FACT SHEET

Caravan & Camping Bushfire Safety

If travelling during the bushfire season, you could be affected by a fire. Bushfires can start suddenly and spread quickly - without warning.

Before setting off on your caravan or camping trip make sure you have all the information you will need to keep safe



CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

- Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire information on the CFS Website or Bushfire Information Hotline (1300 362 361),
- Weather conditions on the Bureau of Meteorology website
- Where the local Bushfire Safer Places are close to your travel route and destinations
- Emergency Survival Kit is packed, including a working battery operated radio
- Protective clothing, woollen blankets and water are packed
- Caravan has a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and fire blanket
- Electrical and gas equipment is secure, appropriately fitted, in good working order, and turned off while travelling

ON THE ROAD

- Always carry maps and know where you are
- Be prepared to change your travel plans on hot, windy days
- On Fire Danger Days avoid visiting high bushfire risk areas. Some parks and attractions may be closed due to bushfire risk
- Watch out for smoke while you are travelling and listen to local radio
- If you do see smoke or flames, drive away from the fire and ring 000
- If its smoky, slow down, turn on your headlights and watch out for people, animals and other vehicles

On Total Fire Ban Days, don't travel through remote or isolated areas

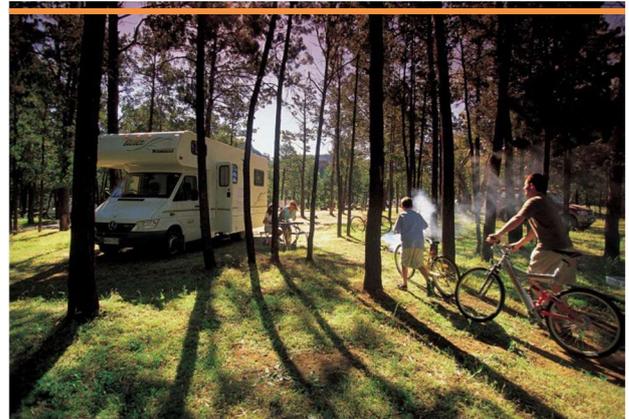
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AT YOUR CAMPSITE

- Plan safe access and escape routes
- Find a flat site with a cleared area that is not on a hilltop
- Identify your nearest safer location to go to in case of a fire
- Avoid driving over long grass as hot exhaust pipes can ignite grass
- Familiarise yourself with parks fire safety plans and the location of fire-fighting equipment if available
- Monitor local conditions. Watch for signs of smoke and ACT EARLY

SAFETY WHILE CAMPING

- Don't cook or smoke in tents and use electric or battery operated lights
- Caravans must be well-vented before using gas
- On Total Fire Ban days, you must not use a portable barbeque. Stoves can be used inside caravans
- Turn off lanterns and extinguish fires and candles before bed



IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A FIRE CALL 000

- Unhitch the caravan if you are driving and if there is time
- Park off the road in a clear area away from trees, scrub and tall grass
- Face the front of your car towards the fire and Turn off the engine and turn on headlights and hazard lights
- Stay in the car below the windows to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Close windows and air vents and cover yourself with a woollen blanket
- Cover your mouth with P2 rated face mask or cloth and drink plenty of water. Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed, carefully leave the car (it will be hot)