



AT WORK OR ON HOLIDAYS, STAY SAFE
WHILE TRAVELLING THIS BUSHFIRE SEASON

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Bushfire Information Hotline

1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)

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If you are caught in the path of a bushfire

A car is one of the deadliest places to be in a bushfire.

The only sure way to survive is to be nowhere near the fire.

- If you see smoke, slow down and be aware there could be people, vehicles or animals on the road
- Turn around where safe to do so and drive to the nearest township or Bushfire Safer Place
- Pull over to the side of the road and stop your vehicle in a clear area
- Turn your car headlights on and close windows and outside vents
- Ensure you are not in the path of the fire
- Keep your headlights and hazard lights on and wait until the smoke clears

If you can't escape the path of the fire.

- Stay inside your vehicle – it offers better protection than being in the open
- Park in a clear area, preferably behind a solid structure to block some of the radiant heat
- Face your car towards the fire
- Turn the engine and air-conditioning off
- Tightly close the doors, windows and air vents
- Lie on the floor and shelter under woollen blankets to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Avoid dehydration: drink lots of water
- Heat and smoke from the fire and fumes from the car may make breathing difficult – stay under the blankets and cover your mouth with a P2 mask
- Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed, carefully leave the car (it will be hot)
- Move to a safe area (e.g. land that has already burnt)

Stay safe while travelling in South Australia

Bushfires can occur without warning and can quickly impact your travel route or holiday location.

- Know the risk of the area you're travelling in: know the Fire Ban District and the Fire Danger Rating
- Modify or postpone your travel plans when dangerous fire weather is forecast
- Know what you can and can't do on fire danger days
- Stay safe on fire danger days; plan safer activities and know where the nearest Bushfire Safer Place is
- Keep woollen blankets, first aid kit, protective clothing (not synthetic) and sturdy boots, food and plenty of water in your car
- Let family, friends or colleagues know where you will be and when and if your plans change
- Know what to do if there is a bushfire in the area
- Stay alert and informed

On fire danger days

Fires that start on Total Fire Ban days will be more dangerous but many fires start in less than severe conditions.

- If your travel or activities take you into high risk areas, can you postpone your trip, plan a different route, swap to an activity that is safer or not banned on Total Fire Ban days?
- Can a work-related job be done on another day / safer location?
- Do your plans involve activities or tools banned on a Total Fire Ban day?
- Where is your nearest Bushfire Safer Place if a bushfire threatens?

It is unlikely that the fuel tank will explode however the tyres may, so try to remain calm

Know your risk

Fire Ban Districts

Fire restrictions apply throughout South Australia's Fire Ban Districts during the Fire Danger Season. Knowing which Fire Ban District you are visiting is the first step in finding out which restrictions apply.

Which Fire Ban District are you travelling through?

Fire Danger Ratings

The Fire Danger Rating is an indicator of how dangerous a bushfire could be if it occurs, not the likelihood of it happening. Understand the Fire Danger Rating to assess your level of bushfire risk and decide what actions to take.

Do you know today's rating?

Total Fire Bans

The CFS may declare Total Fire Bans in some Fire Ban Districts or even across the whole state on days when high temperatures, strong winds and low humidity could cause fires to become uncontrollable. Barbeques and camp fires are banned on these days.

Do you know what you can and can't do today?

Do you know today's rating?

To find your District, Rating or if it's a Total Fire Ban:

- Visit cfs.sa.gov.au
- Call the Bushfire Information Hotline 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
- Check the Alert SA app or website alert.sa.gov.au

Hearing or speech impaired? Contact us via the National Relay Service – by calling TTY 1300 555 727 or through other contact options available at relayservice.gov.au

Be aware of the Fire Danger Rating and know what to do



Fire Danger Rating What should I do?

CATASTROPHIC TOTAL FIRE BAN

Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see.
Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass.

EXTREME TOTAL FIRE BAN

If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option.
Be aware of local conditions and get information.

SEVERE TOTAL FIRE BAN

Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your Bushfire Survival Plan.
If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.
Be aware of local conditions and stay informed.

VERY HIGH

Check your Bushfire Survival Plan.

HIGH

Monitor conditions.

LOW-MODERATE

Leave if necessary.

You could be at risk travelling in the country during the bushfire season. Recognise the warning signs, and learn what to do to keep yourself safe.

Where to go on fire danger days

Leaving a high risk bushfire area early, before a fire starts, is always the safest option for your survival.

We have identified places that can offer relative safety from a bushfire. For more information and maps of these places visit cfs.sa.gov.au or download the Alert SA mobile phone app.

Safer Places

BUSHFIRE SAFER PLACE



Adelaide Metropolitan area, outer suburbs and rural settlements. Use if you need to relocate early.

Suitable for use during forecast bad fire weather or during bushfire. May be subject to sparks, embers and smoke.

LAST RESORT REFUGE



Ovals, buildings in rural areas. Use only if your plan has failed.

Not suitable for extended use and provides only limited protection during bushfire.

CALL 000 to report a fire

Bushwalking

Avoid bushwalking on Total Fire Ban days, but if you are caught in a bushfire:

Do not try to outrun the flames.

- Head for a natural fire break, e.g. clearings or rocky outcrops
- Keep away from high ground in the path of the fire
- Cover yourself or shelter behind a solid object (e.g. a rock or solid structure) to protect yourself against radiant heat

Camping and houseboats

If camping, staying in a caravan park or travelling in a houseboat:

- Ask if there is a Bushfire Safe place or safe area nearby
- Sheltering in a brick toilet building or shower block might be an option
- Be careful using generators
- Make sure you are familiar with local restrictions applying to fires and barbeques
- If you are visiting a national park, contact your local DEWNR office or ask the Rangers about the local fire and barbecue regulations. Some parks are closed on fire danger days so you may need to leave your campsite

**Check the CFS website cfs.sa.gov.au
and fact sheets for more information**

Stay informed

Listen for emergency warnings and alerts

Emergency Broadcast Partners

ABC Local Radio, FIVEaa Radio, Sky News Television, Commercial Radio Australia

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Adelaide	Triple M	104.7 FM
Adelaide	Hit 107	107.1 FM
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Ceduna	Flow FM	106.1 FM
Clare/Mid North	Flow FM	107.5 FM
Coober Pedy	ABC North & West	106.1 FM
Coober Pedy	Flow FM	99.7 FM
Cook	ABC North & West	107.7 FM
Coonalpyn	Flow FM	97.7 FM
Glendambo	ABC North & West	106.1 FM
Kapunda/Barossa	Flow FM	99.5 FM
Kingscote	Flow FM	95.5 FM
Kingston SE	Flow FM	107.3 FM
Leigh Creek Coalfield	ABC North & West	99.3 FM
Leigh Creek	ABC North & West	1602 AM
Maitland	Flow FM	90.9 FM
Marree	ABC North & West	105.7 FM
Minlaton	Flow FM	98.9 FM
Mintabie	ABC North & West	88.7 FM
Mt Barker	Power FM	100.3 FM
Mt Gambier	5SE	963 AM
Mt Gambier	Star FM	96.1 FM
Murray Bridge	5MU	1125 AM
Murray Bridge	Power FM	98.7 FM
Naracoorte	ABC South East	1161 AM
Naracoorte	Star FM	100.9 FM
North Mt Gambier	ABC South East	1476 AM
Oodnadatta	ABC North & West	95.3 FM
Padthaway East	Flow FM	100.3 FM
Pinnaroo	Flow FM	96.5 FM
Port Augusta	5AU	1242 AM
Port Lincoln	5CC	765 AM
Port Lincoln	ABC Eyre Peninsula	1485 AM
Port Lincoln	Magic FM	89.9 FM
Port Pirie	ABC North & West	639 AM
Prominent Hill	Flow FM	91.3 FM
Riverland	5RM	801 AM
Riverland	ABC Riverland	1062 AM
Riverland	Magic FM 93.1	93.1 FM
Roxby Downs	Flow FM	97.9 FM
Roxby Downs	ABC North & West	102.7 FM
Streaky Bay	ABC Eyre Peninsula	693 AM
Streaky Bay	Flow FM	99.3 FM
Victor Harbor	Power FM	99.7 FM
Woomera	ABC North & West	1584 AM
Woomera	Flow FM	101.7 FM
Wudinna	Flow FM	106.9 FM
Yalata	ABC North & West	105.9 FM