

A fire can be terrifying, with strong winds, intense heat and flames, and thick smoke.

### IF YOU'RE CAUGHT IN A FIRE:

- Call Triple Zero **000**
- Park off the road in a clear area away from trees
- Face your car towards the fire
- Stay in the car and get down below the windows to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Turn off the engine and turn on headlights and hazard lights
- Close windows and air vents
- Cover yourself with a woollen blanket
- Drink water
- Cover your mouth with a damp cloth if there's smoke
- Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed. Carefully leave the car (it will be hot to touch) and drink water.



**PREPARE.** You must make important decisions before the fire season starts.

**ACT.** The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more dangerous the conditions.

**SURVIVE.** Fires may threaten without warning so you need to know what you will do to survive.

## CARAVAN AND CAMPING BUSH FIRE SAFETY

PREPARE AN ESCAPE PLAN.  
IF CAUGHT IN A BUSH FIRE YOU MAY DIE.



BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE  
**1800 NSW RFS**  
1 8 0 0 6 7 9 7 3 7





### BEFORE TRAVELLING YOU SHOULD CHECK:

- Fire Danger Ratings and Bush Fire Alerts at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or on the Fires Near Me Smartphone application
- Weather conditions at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)
- 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
- How you can call for help
- Survival kit packed, including a working battery operated radio, protective clothing, woollen blankets and water.

**On Total Fire Ban days, don't travel through remote or isolated areas.**



*If the conditions aren't good, don't go!*

### PLANNING YOUR CAMPSITE

- Good access and escape routes
- Flat site with a cleared area that is not on a hilltop
- Nearby safe location to go to in case of fire
- Avoid driving over long grass as hot exhaust pipes can ignite grass
- Familiar with parks local evacuation plan and location of fire-fighting equipment

### 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



*Fires should always be attended by a responsible adult*

### Setting up your camp fire or barbeque

- Before lighting a fire or using a barbeque, check whether there is a Total Fire Ban in force
- If possible, use an existing fire site and do not surround the fire with rocks as some types may explode
- To avoid damage from embers and sparks, put at least three metres between your barbeque or fire and flammable materials
- Place fires in a cleared area where the wind will blow flames away from tents
- Have a water supply

*Camp fires should be put out with water until they are cool to touch*

