YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL

WHAT TO CONSIDER

Your Bushfire Risk
- Are you in a high-risk bushfire area? (near bush, coastal scrub)
- Know the layout of your town, including key roads to leave by

Your Trigger to Act
- Know when it is a Total Fire Ban Day and what to do
- Know the Fire Danger Rating at your location
- The Fire Danger Rating is your ‘trigger’ to act
- The higher the rating, the more dangerous the situation if a fire starts

WHAT TO DO

Leave Early
- When the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, leaving early is always the safest option
- Leave early destinations could include homes of families & friends who live outside the risk area, a nearby town or built up area

Always the safest option

Well Prepared
- If leaving the high-risk area is no longer an option, there may be options close to where you are that could protect you. These include:
  - A well prepared home (yours or your neighbour’s) that you can actively defend on Severe & Extreme Fire Danger Rating days only
  - Private Bushfire Shelter (bunker) that meets current regulations
  - Designated community fire refuge

Your safety is not guaranteed

Last Resort
- In situations where no other options are available to you, taking shelter in one of the below may protect from radiant heat:
  - Neighbourhood Safer Place (place of last resort)
  - Stationary car in a clear area
  - Ploughed paddock or reserve
  - Body of water (i.e. beach, swimming pool, dam, river, etc.)

High risk of trauma, injury or death

For more information on how to prepare your own Bushfire Survival Plan: www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667