



# Easy steps to your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Preparation is vital to bushfire survival. It's your responsibility to do everything you can to protect your home and assets. You need a plan that works for you and your family. CFA crews will fight every fire, but they **can't give individual warnings**, and **can't always defend every home**.

**You need to decide early whether you plan to stay and actively defend your home or leave before the fire arrives.**

## Step 1:

**Plan what you need to do before the summer fire season.**

- Manage vegetation to reduce fuel for a fire
- Seal gaps around doors, windows and in the roof to keep out embers
- Clean leaves and twigs from gutters
- Assemble firefighting equipment such as pumps, hoses, buckets and mops
- Consider availability of water

## Step 2:

**Plan what you will do on Total Fire Ban and high risk days.**

- Leave early before a fire threatens
- Get ready to stay and defend your home
- Listen to the radio for regular updates

## Step 3:

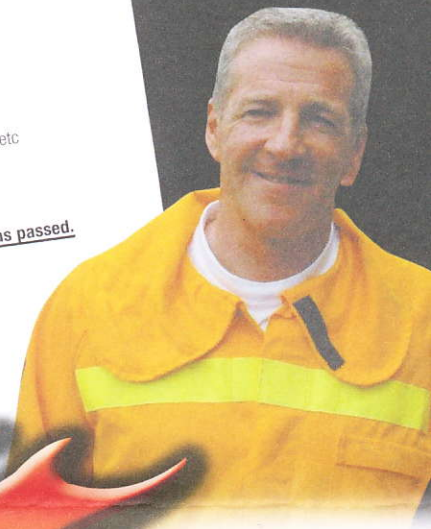
**Plan what to do as a fire approaches.**

- Put on protective clothing
- Wet down around the house
- Shut all windows and doors
- Remove doormats, garden furniture, boxes etc from around the house

## Step 4:

**Plan your response after the fire front has passed.**

- Check for embers and extinguish them
- Continue monitoring, spot fires can start long afterwards.



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For all the information you need to complete your plan call **1800 240 667**, or visit **[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)**

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# Are you Fire Ready?

**Narbethong Rural Fire Brigade** will be holding a **Fire Ready Victoria Community Meeting** on Sunday 8 November. We urge all residents to attend this meeting to find out what being "Fire Ready" is all about.

**Date:** Sunday 8 November 2009  
**Time:** 11am – 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Narbethong Fire Station  
Maroondah Hwy, Narbethong

This is an opportunity for all your community to find out the most up to date information from the Royal Commission, what this means to you and how to go about preparing your Bushfire Survival Plan for this Summer.

We hope to see you there!

For further information please call (Capt) Ray Eastaugh on 0417 329 430 or visit our website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/residents/programs](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/residents/programs)