

Our Bushfire Survival Plan

**Download *Your Guide to Preparing for and Surviving the Bushfire Season* for the information you need to complete this Plan**

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**This Bushfire Survival Plan is for:**

**When living at:** Point Boston Peninsula

**Our Fire Ban District is:**

**Important phone numbers**

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| **Emergency: Fire, Police, Ambulance: 000** | **Insurance Company:**        |
| **Water Supplier:**  Point Boston CC Inc 2569, Whittles Corporation manager 08 82912300 | Insurance Policy number:       |
| **Local Council:**  D.C.L.E.P 086821622 | **Doctor:**        |
| **Electricity Supplier:**        | **School:**        |
| **Gas Supplier:** | **Vet:**        |
| **Bank:**        | ***Other*      :** |
| ***Other*** **:** | ***Other*      :** |

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| **Family** | **Friends** |
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**Bushfire Information Hotline 1300 362 361 TTY 133 677**

**The frequency of our local ABC and /or other radio station broadcasting emergency warnings and information:** **AM 5LN 1485 or FM 5AN 89.1**

**Our nearest Safer Settlement or Precinct:** **The Beach**

**Our nearest Last Resort Refuge (if all plans fail):** **The Beach**

**Leave early –Who is going to leave early?**

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**Stay and defend – Who will stay and defend?**

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**Know the forecast Fire Danger Rating by visiting** [**www.cfs.sa.gov.au**](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

Check local weather reports
or contact the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677).

Listen out for bushfire **‘Watch & Act’**

and **‘Emergency Warning’** messages

Monitor your local ABC or other Emergency Broadcast Partner radio station
using a battery powered radio for information.

A full list of our Emergency Broadcast Partner radio stations is available at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

Leaving Early Plan

* **On Total Fire Ban days, it’s recommended that you relocate if you have no plan to stay and defend, or if you are caring for vulnerable, young or elderly people.**
* **If it is forecast as Extreme, you should only stay to defend if you are extremely well prepared and your home is properly constructed.**
* **If it is forecast as Catastrophic, you should leave as early as possible whatever your initial plan.**

**I / We will use this plan**

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Very High

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Severe (Total Fire Ban)

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme (Total Fire Ban)

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic (Total Fire Ban)

**Where to go:** (Choose places in Bushfire Safer Settlements or Precincts. Consider friends, relatives or activities in low fire danger areas)

**When to go:** (Plan to leave early enough to avoid being caught in smoke, the fire or on congested roads)

**How to get there:** (Consider a number of travel routes and how long the journey will take. Plan alternative routes in case the route is blocked)

**What to take:** (Prepare a relocation kit – blankets, water, first aid kit, medications, change of clothes, important documents. Organise household members and make arrangements for pets)

* My Relocation Kit which is located in
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**Our Pets**

[ ]  Will come with us (with their needs: leads, food, bedding, crate, etc)

[ ]  Will be left at home (with fresh food and water)

[ ]  Will be left with neighbours or in a kennel (with lead, food, bedding, vaccination certificate)
Name and phone number:

**Who to tell:** (Before and after)

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**Our trigger to return:** (e.g. When a lower Fire Danger Rating is released)

**Back-up plan if we don’t get out before a fire:** (is there somewhere else you can go to shelter?)

**Other notes:**

**Stay & Defend Plan**

**On a day of Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating leaving early is the best option for your survival – regardless of any plan to stay and defend. You should leave for a safer place well before a bushfire threatens your home.**

**I will use this plan**

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Very High

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Severe

[ ]  When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme

**Before the fire approaches:** (activate your plan – those leaving early should have already left the property, list the things you need to do in preparation)

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**As the fire approaches:** (prepare for ember attack on or near your home, list the actions you are going to take)

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**As the fire front approaches:** (stay safe by monitoring the fire from inside your home, document what you will do)

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**After the fire has passed:** (patrol your property to extinguish burning embers. You may need to do this for several hours. Outline what actions you will take)

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**Contingency plan:** (what will you do if you can’t activate your plan? Leaving late is deadly. Make sure you identify a safer location and safe route)

**Other notes:**

**Activating your Bushfire Survival Plan**

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Once the plan is completed, it is important that you practise and review the plan regularly. This will mean that if you need to activate the plan in a real bushfire, you will have already gone through the thought processes and be able to respond appropriately.

Follow these steps:

**Identify the Fire Danger Rating**

Identify and use the Fire Danger Rating for the day to guide which plan to activate.

**Activate your Bushfire Survival Plan**

* Activate your plan that is relevant to the Fire Danger Rating.
* Someone must take charge and lead the family through the process by communicating clearly what needs to be done.
* Make sure you know who is doing what and when.

**Prepare Yourselves**

Retrieve your survival kit and put on protective clothing.

**or**

**Prepare to Stay and Defend**

Ensure you have the necessary equipment ready and are mentally prepared to actively defend.

**Prepare to Leave Early**

Pack your relocation kit into the car and relocate to a Bushfire Safer Place. Make sure you have plenty of time to leave and do not return until it is safe to do so.

**Keep informed**

Monitor Bushfire ‘Watch & Act’ and ‘Emergency Warning’ messages:

* CFS website [**www.cfs.sa.gov.au**](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)
* through your local ABC Radio
* through another emergency broadcast radio station (full list on the CFS website)
* Bushfire Information Hotline: **1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677).**

**Bushfires are unpredictable and you need to be prepared for the unexpected.**

**Do not rely solely on one source for information about bushfire incidents.**

Remember to **PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**