



# Bushfire Safety for Workers

## Summer Safe Travel Online Module

### Key tips summary



### Plan

- Every year there are bushfires in Victoria.
- Fire danger is highest on hot, dry, windy days.
- Be prepared from the start of summer. Check the Fire Danger Ratings each day.
- The Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started – the higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions.
- Bushfires on **Catastrophic** days are uncontrollable.
- Do not travel on **Catastrophic** days.
- Do not travel if possible on **Extreme** fire rating days or alter your routes. If you need to travel, do so first thing in the morning.



### Prepare

- Have a bushfire survival kit in the car.
- Store on the floor of your car's back seat.
- Download the Vic Emergency app and store the Vic Emergency number 1800 226 226 in your phone.



### Drive

- Follow your travel and contact plan.
- Stay aware of what is happening around you.
- Change your routes or change your appointments to the morning on **Extreme** rated days. Never travel in high risk areas on a **Catastrophic** day as it is extremely dangerous.



### Survive - in a car

- If you suspect a fire pull over and check your Vic Emergency app, or call the VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226
- Smoke, ash, embers, or a large column of smoke in the distance are all signs of a nearby fire.
- DO NOT continue driving towards a fire, always turn back and drive away from the fire.
- If caught in a bushfire in a car:
  - » Park the car behind a solid structure or in a cleared area.
  - » Turn off your engine.
  - » Turn on all lights and close all windows and vents.
  - » Change into natural fibre clothes
  - » Shelter below window level in the footwell.
  - » Cover yourself with a wool blanket.
  - » Drink water.
  - » Once the fire front has passed, call 000.



### Survive - in a house

- If caught at a client's home during a bushfire:
  - » Stay inside the house.
  - » Change everyone into heavy natural fibre clothes and boots.
  - » Shelter in a room with at least two exits.
  - » Close doors and block door gaps.
  - » Fill sinks or baths with water.
- If the house catches fire:
  - » Move away from the fire room by room.
  - » Close doors as you go.
  - » Always have a point of exit.
  - » Move outside to burnt ground as soon as you safely can.
- Drink plenty of water.

**Bushfires and grassfires are extremely dangerous. Always plan to be well away from high fire risk areas on Catastrophic and Extreme days. Put your safety first.**