

Stay safe in your car in a bushfire

CFA



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.



We will write contact information at the end of this book.

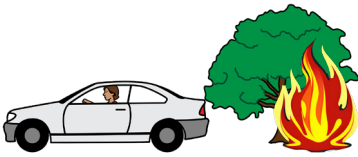
About this book



This book is from CFA.

This book is about what to do if

- you are in a car



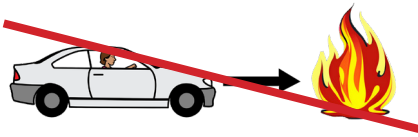
and

- there is a bushfire near.



It is best **not** to drive in a bushfire.

Stay safe from the fire



You should **not** drive towards the fire.



You should drive away from the fire.



In a bushfire

- there will be lots of smoke



- it will be very dark

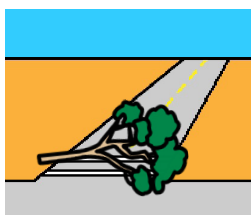
- your car lights will **not** help you see.



It might be very hard to see other cars and trucks.



Accidents can happen.

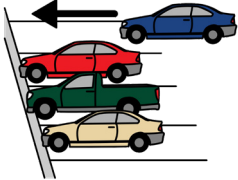


Some roads could be blocked.

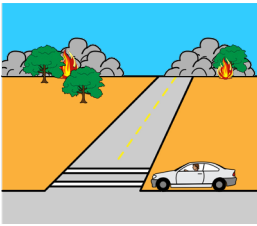
When the fire comes



If you are stuck in your car there are things you can do to stay safer.

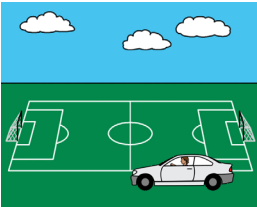


You should park the car.



You should park

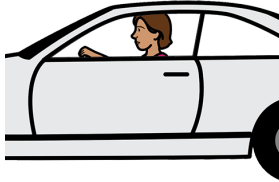
- away from bushes or trees
- where there is empty ground around you.



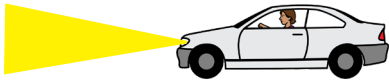
For example, you could park at a sports ground.



You should turn off your engine.



You should stay in your car.

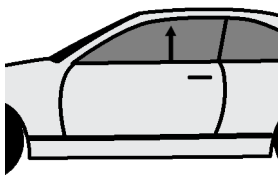


You should turn on the

- car head lights

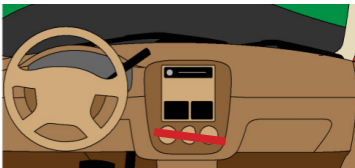


- car hazard lights.

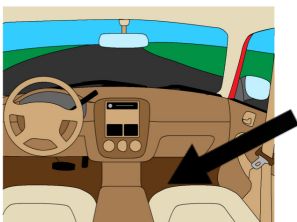


You should

- keep the windows closed



- keep the vents closed.

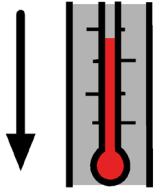


You should get down into the space in front of your seat where your feet normally go.

You should stay down lower than the window.



You should cover yourself with a blanket made of all wool.

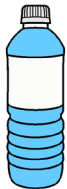


Wool can help protect you from

- heat

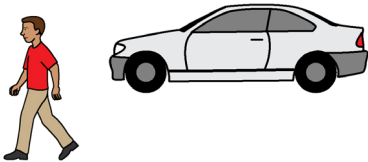


- fire.



You should drink water.

After the fire goes past



Check if it is safe to leave the car.



When the fire has gone past you should call 000.

More information



For more information contact CFA.



Website cfa.vic.gov.au



You can call the VicEmergency Hotline for more information about fires in your area.



Call 1800 226 226



Call 000 in an emergency.

You can read the full information on our website.



Website cfa.vic.gov.au/leaveearly

If you need help with English



Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call.

You can call the TIS in your language.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.

If you need help to speak or listen



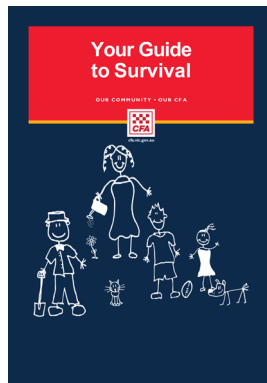
Use the National Relay Service to make a phone call.



Call 1800 555 677



Website accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk



This book is an Easy English translation of part of Your Guide to Survival.

The plain text in this document is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence. This Easy English document was created by Scope (Aust) Ltd. using Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) and these PCS are not licensed under a Creative Commons licence.

PCS is a trademark of Tobii Dynavox, LLC. All rights reserved. Used with permission. This document must not be sold to third parties. The PCS must not be reused without permission. For more information about the PCS, contact Scope on 1300 472 673 or visit scopeaust.org.au

Version 2 January 2024