



House and Garden

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Protect your family, protect your life

BUSH fires are a natural part of the Australian environment and occur regularly, but many people fail to prepare for them. When threatened by bush fires, people will often leave it too late to make critical decisions and often have few safe options left.

During a bush fire, firefighters will be working to stop the fire, but the size and intensity of a fire could mean that a fire truck may not be available to defend your home.

It is your responsibility to reduce the risk to your family and your home and take actions to survive a bush fire. The most important decision is whether you and your family will **Leave Early** or if you will **Stay and Defend** your well prepared home.

The majority of deaths during bush fires result from people trying to leave their homes at the last moment.

Leaving at the last

moment places you at greater risk of getting caught in your car and suffering from smoke inhalation or extreme heat.

In an area where a bush fire can start, leaving early on catastrophic fire danger days is your only safe option.

On any other day you should only stay and defend if you have a well maintained property and if you are physically, emotionally and mentally prepared to defend your home.

The NSW Rural Fire Service website can help you make the important decisions that you need to make well before you are threatened by a bush fire.

Your bush fire survival plan can help protect the lives of your family and will also give you information about the ways in which you can best prepare your home to survive the threat of a bush fire.

Prepare: You must make important decisions before



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the fire season starts.

Act: The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more

dangerous the conditions.

Survive: Fires may threaten without warning so

you need to know what you will do to survive.

■ For advice on how to

prepare your bushfire survival plan, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

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