



Bush Fire Safety for Bushwalkers

BE PREPARED. IF CAUGHT IN A BUSH FIRE YOU MAY DIE.

Before bushwalking you should check:

- Fire Danger Ratings and Bush Fire Alerts at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or on the Fires Near Me Smartphone application
- Weather conditions at www.bom.gov.au
- Whether a Total Fire Ban is in place. Do not use fires or stoves on these days.

So you're going bushwalking?

- Tell someone where you plan to go and who is with you
- Carry an emergency beacon and save emergency numbers to your phone
- Have someone in your group trained in first aid
- Avoid synthetic clothing as it can melt and burn skin severely.



Camp fires and stoves

- Use existing fire sites where possible
- Place fires and stoves in a cleared area where the wind blows away from tents
- Have enough water to put out a fire properly, or dig a small hole for your fire and bury it when you are finished
- Don't cook or smoke in tents
- Extinguish fires before bed.



If the conditions aren't good, don't go!

A fire can be terrifying, with strong winds, intense heat, flames, and thick smoke.

IF YOU'RE CAUGHT IN A FIRE:

- Call Triple Zero **000**
- Turn back if you see smoke ahead
- Don't panic or try to outrun the fire
- Find a cleared area with rocks, hollows, embankments, streams or roads to protect you and avoid hilltops
- Keep low and cover your skin
- Drink water and cover your mouth with a damp cloth
- Let someone know what is happening.

