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

IF YOU'RE CAUGHT IN A FIRE:

- Call Triple Zero 000
- Park off the road in a clear area away from trees
- Face your car towards the fire
- Stay in the car and get down below the windows to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Turn off the engine and turn on headlights and hazard lights
- Close windows and air vents
- Cover yourself with a woollen blanket
- Drink water
- Cover your mouth with a damp cloth if there's smoke
- Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed. Carefully leave the car (it will be hot to touch) and drink water.
BEFORE TRAVELLING 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
☐ Caravan has a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and fire blanket
☐ Electrical and gas equipment is secure, appropriately fitted, in good working order, and turned off while travelling
☐ How you can call for help
☐ Survival kit packed, including a working battery operated radio, protective clothing, woollen blankets and water.

On Total Fire Ban days, don’t travel through remote or isolated areas.

PLANNING YOUR CAMPSITE

☐ Good access and escape routes
☐ Flat site with a cleared area that is not on a hilltop
☐ Nearby safe location to go to in case of fire
☐ Avoid driving over long grass as hot exhaust pipes can ignite grass
☐ Familiar with parks local evacuation plan and location of fire-fighting equipment

SAFETY WHILE CAMPING

■ Don’t cook or smoke in tents and use electric or battery operated lights
■ Caravans must be well-vented before using gas
■ On Total Fire Ban days you must not use a portable barbeque. Stoves can be used inside caravans
■ Turn off lanterns and extinguish fires and candles before bed

Setting up your camp fire or barbeque

■ Before lighting a fire or using a barbeque, check whether there is a Total Fire Ban in force
■ If possible, use an existing fire site and do not surround the fire with rocks as some types may explode
■ To avoid damage from embers and sparks, put at least three metres between your barbeque or fire and flammable materials
■ Place fires in a cleared area where the wind will blow flames away from tents
■ Have a water supply

Camp fires should be put out with water until they are cool to touch.

Fires should always be attended by a responsible adult.

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