

# Bushfire Survival Plan - Year 5 Project

Due Date: Wednesday 11th December 2019

One of the most important things to do before a bushfire is to decide what you and your family will do if a bushfire should start near you.

**Task:** Develop a bushfire survival plan with your family, using the following prompts as a guide. Present your plan with the class in Week 9, ensuring it is informative as well as engaging. You can present your bushfire survival plan as a hardcopy or digitally using a range of tools and sources.

- **What does the bushfire rating mean?**

During the fire season, emergency service agencies will assess the risk of fire in areas and provide a rating. These are usually issued the afternoon before the expected conditions, but you should keep monitoring the situation in case the ratings change.

- Research and record what each of the ratings mean and what action you should take.
- Record the ratings each day for a week.
- Create a bushfire danger rating sign.

- **What is your bushfire risk?**

Where you live is one of the things that determines if both you and your home are at risk of bushfire, and what kind of fire you might experience.

- Use the bushfire household assessment tool (<https://assessmyrisk.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>) to determine your households bushfire risk
- Take photographs to show the fire danger risk in your area (e.g. vegetation, flammable material)

- **Will you leave early or stay and defend?**

- **Leaving early is your safest choice.** Discuss the following questions with your family and create a bushfire plan:

- When will you leave? What will the sign be?
- Where will you go?
- How will you get there?
- What will you take?
- What will you include in your bushfire survival kit?
- Who will you call to tell them you are leaving and that you have arrived safely?
- What is your backup plan?

- **Decide to stay, only if you are well prepared.** If one or more of your family members chooses to stay and defend your home, how well prepared are they? Create a plan for staying to defend.

- What equipment will you need?
- What protective clothing will you need?
- When there is a fire, what is the sign to start defending your home?
- What will you include in your bushfire survival kit?
- What do you need to do BEFORE, DURING & AFTER a fire?
- Do all members of your household know what to do in all situations?
- What is your backup plan?

- **What do the bushfire alert levels mean?**

When a bushfire begins an alert level is issued by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

- Research and record what each alert level means.
- What does the alert level mean for you and your family?

- **Where can I source reliable information?**

During a bushfire there are many reliable sources you can use to keep up to date with the situation.

- Research and record the most reliable sources during a bushfire emergency.