

Bush Fire Survival

Try not to panic. Stop, think and look for a safe refuge.

The air is freshest close to the ground so get down low, crawl if you have to.

The greatest danger comes from radiant heat (*the heat you feel on your face or exposed skin*).

This is the main bush fire killer

You can shelter from radiant heat behind a fallen log, behind a rocky outcrop or by digging a shallow trench in the ground.

Always lie face down and cover all exposed skin.

Shelter in a spot where vegetation is thinnest.

Bushfires pass quickly. When the fire has passed move on to already burnt ground, where it's safer.

Bush Fire Survival in a Car

STOP! Don't Drive through the smoke.

Park at the side of the road or if there is no road in the barest spot you can find. Don't park in long grass or thick undergrowth.

Turn on the headlights.

Close windows and air vents.

Stay inside the car. It's the best shield you have against radiant heat.

Lie in the floor of the vehicle and cover all exposed skin.

Don't leave the car until the main fire has passed.

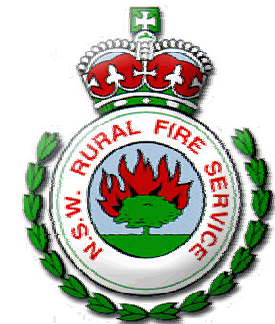
You are safest inside the car, contrary to popular opinion, it is highly unlikely that the petrol tank will explode.



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Fire Safety in the Riverina Highlands



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Fishermen and Campers

Bushfires that escape from visitors' campfires have caused extensive damage and expense to the community.

In the past damage has resulted from numerous incidents where camp fires which were lit on the edge of the lake and creeks have been left unattended or improperly extinguished and escaped.

National Parks and Forests NSW can also implement a fire ban on their lands which includes campfires. You should check with the relevant authority to see if you can have a campfire.

DO'S and DON'TS

If in doubt about the safety of lighting a fire-
DON'T

DON'T light fires in hot/windy weather

DO keep the fire small (*under 1 meter*)

DO use only small dead fallen wood

DO have water close by

DON'T leave your rubbish. (*Take it with you*)

WHAT ARE THE RULES

Use a properly constructed fire place

Remove combustible material from around the fireplace to a distance of at least 2 meters.
(*Down to mineral Earth*)

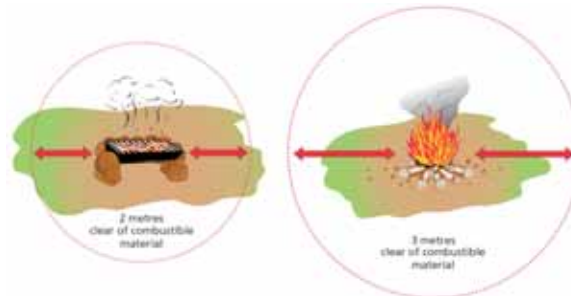
Never leave the fire unattended

Ensure the fire is completely out before leaving the area. Use water not soil and be absolutely sure the fire is out.

When a Total Fire Ban is Declared NO FIRE may be lit in the open.

The Riverina Highlands Zone is in the Southern Slopes Fire Area and includes the Tumut, Tumbarumba and Gundagai Shires.

Listen to Local radio FM 96.3 Sounds of the Mountains in Tumut and local ABC stations for notification of a Total Fire Ban or contact the RFS on 1800 679 737 to find out if you area has a Total Fire Ban



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