YOUR GUIDE TO:
Community Bushfire Protection Plans

1. GET
Get your local Community Bushfire Protection Plan
A simple plan for community members containing bushfire safety options and bushfire information.

Download your Community Bushfire Protection Plan (where available) from the TFS website:
VISIT www.fire.tas.gov.au

Request a printed copy:
FREECALL 1800 000 699

2. READ
Read your Community Bushfire Protection Plan

assess your options
identify your risks

3. USE
Use your Community Bushfire Protection Plan to develop a bushfire survival plan

Know your Nearby Safer Places
Know your nearest and safest Exit Routes
Know your local Emergency Broadcaster
Seek further Bushfire Safety Advice
Free Bushfire Survival Plan booklet & DVD available at www.fire.tas.gov.au or freecall 1800 000 699

4. KEEP
Keep your Community Bushfire Protection Plan in an easily accessible location – it may save your life

- If you don’t have a plan, leave immediately.
- If a bushfire catches you by surprise and it’s unsafe, go to a nearby safer place and wait for the fire front to pass through.
- Make sure everyone’s safe, check on your neighbours if you can.
- If at home, put out any embers and spot-fires threatening your home.
- Tune in to the Information Sources (listed on the map overleaf).
- If your home is destroyed, contact your local council for assistance.

- Check the weather forecast and Fire Danger Rating daily.
- Listen to ABC Local Radio, monitor the Tasmania Fire Service website.
- Use the Tasmania Fire Service Emergency Broadcaster, TV-Stations or if a TTY user call 106.
- In an emergency dial triple zero 000

- Are your home and contents covered for bushfire?
- Have you prepared your home for bushfires, with fire-fighting equipment?
- Have you planned your evacuation route?
- Have you planned for the last minute?
- Have you planned for bushfires?

- Even if you plan to leave early, preparing your home
- Bushfire Prepare to Survive
- Booklet & DVD

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Community Protection Planning

An innovative, and national award winning emergency management, community protection and resilience building initiative. Community protection planning is working with communities, stakeholders and partner agencies in the development and implementation of these community-level plans:

Community Bushfire Mitigation Plans
Strategic plans that focus on addressing bushfire hazards and improving survivability of communities and assets. These plans identify areas for fuel treatment, and guide prescribed burning and asset protection work.

Community Bushfire Response Plans
Plans for emergency managers and responders to better protect communities and their assets during bushfire emergencies. These plans identify protection priorities, making firefighting resources safer and more effective.

Community Bushfire Protection Plans
Plans for community members that provide local information to assist with bushfire preparation, and survival. These plans help you to make your bushfire survival plan. Visit www.fire.tas.gov.au for more information on these plans.

What is a Community Bushfire Protection Plan?
A Community Bushfire Protection Plan aims to assist individuals with the development of personal Bushfire Survival Plans by providing local advice on:

- Safety options for surviving a bushfire, including the location of nearby safer places.
- Communications for receiving emergency warnings and bushfire updates.
- Safe access in and out of the community area.
- Advice on what to do to prepare and survive a bushfire.
- How and where to source additional bushfire safety information.

Evacuation Centres (formerly Community Fire Refuges)
An Evacuation Centre is:

- A shelter for people who leave bushfire affected areas.
- A building that offers amenities including drinking water, and toilet facilities.
- A location that is advertised via ABC Local Radio & Tasmania Fire Service Website.

Nearby Safer Places
A nearby safer place:

- Should not be your only option – it is a place of last resort.
- Should be near your home, but getting to it and sheltering at it will not be without risk.

Tasmania Fire Service identifies some nearby safer places and lists these in Community Bushfire Protection Plans, which are available at www.fire.tas.gov.au or free call 1800 000 699.

Even if there are nearby safer places listed in your community protection plan, you should identify others in your survival plan in case you can’t get to the ones identified by Tasmania Fire Service. In some communities Tasmania Fire Service may not be able to identify any nearby safer places. So if you haven’t prepared your property to be defended against intense bushfires, and haven’t identified nearby safer places, you should plan to leave your community as soon as bushfire threatens.

NSP Setting Back Distance (metres)

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NSP setback distance: refers to the amount of clear space required between the NSP site (a building or an open space) and the bushfire hazard (vegetation). This must be a clear or maintained space (e.g. mown grass, sand, gravel).

Slope: refers to the steepness (or gradient) of the land under the vegetation measured in degrees.

Heavy forest: canopy trees more than 10 meters high, with understorey scrub or small trees. Difficult to walk through in a straight line.

Light Forest: sparse canopy trees, open scrub understory, often grassy. Not difficult to walk through in a straight line.

Scrub: no canopy trees. Shrubs ranging in height, often dense, difficult to walk through.

Grassland: agricultural land, native grassland, tussock, low heath land.

Selecting your own Nearby Safer Place
You should identify your own nearby safer places in addition to those identified by Tasmania Fire Service. This table can be used to assist in selecting a personal nearby safer place.

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