



Tasmania
Fire Service

YOUR GUIDE TO:
**Community
Bushfire
Protection
Plans**

PREPARE • ACT • SURVIVE

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

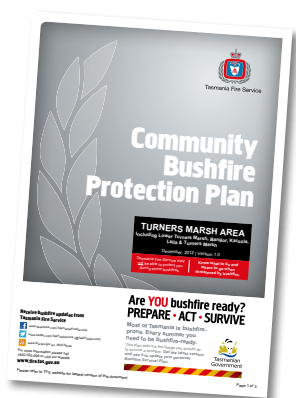
Plans for community members that provide local information to assist with bushfire preparation, and survival. These plans help you to make your bushfire survival plan.

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 (formally 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

If you live in or near the bush, you need to make a bushfire survival plan. Your plan needs to include places you can shelter at, in case you cannot carry out your preferred plan. 'Nearby safer places' are places you can shelter at during bushfires.

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 freecall **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.



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.

| | | NSP Setback Distance (metres) | | |
|-----------------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | | Heavy Forest | Light Forest or Scrub | Grassland |
| Slope (degrees) | Flat | 95 | 70 | 40 |
| | | 225 | 175 | 80 |
| | 5 | 110 | 85 | 45 |
| | | 260 | 200 | 90 |
| | 10 | 130 | 100 | 55 |
| | | 305 | 235 | 100 |
| | 15 | 155 | 120 | 60 |
| | | 360 | 280 | 110 |
| | 20 | 185 | 140 | 65 |
| | | 425 | 330 | 120 |

Red a building **Green** open space

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 understorey, 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.

For more information on selecting your own nearby safer place visit www.fire.tas.gov.au or freecall 1800 000 699.

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Community Bushfire

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:

FRECALL **1800 000 699**

2. READ



Read your Community Bushfire Protection Plan

assess your
options

identify
your risks



Fire Protection Plans

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

FREE CALL

1800 000 699

EMAIL

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VISIT

www.fire.tas.gov.au



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Tasmania Fire Service



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or if a TTY user
call 106

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