



# STAY AND DEFEND PLAN

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**Where do you live?**



**Who do we need to protect?**

☐

Me

☐

People who need assistance

☐

Other adults

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Pets

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Children

☐

Livestock and other animals



**What will we do before the fire front arrives?**

## **Inside the house**

- Relocate other family members especially children and older people.
- Turn off the air conditioner but leave water running through the system if possible.
- Fill all containers/basins with water - check all water supplies.
- Find woollen blankets for protection against radiant heat.

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- Soak towels and rugs in water and lay alongside the inside of external doorways.
- Take down curtains and move furniture away from windows.
- Place ladder and torch close to manhole to check ceiling for embers.

## Outside the house

- Bring all loose burnable material inside.
- Wet down side of house and garden that faces the fire front.
- Block downpipes and fill gutters with water.
- Regularly patrol around the home for spot fires.
- Turn off gas supply.



## What will we do when the fire arrives at our property?

- Bring all hoses, hose fittings (including plastic tap attachments) and equipment inside.
- Move everyone into the house when you see flames.
- Frequently check the roof cavity for spot fires.
- Stay inside the house until the front passes - usually 10 to 15 minutes.
- Have access to drinking water to stay hydrated.

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## What will we do after the fire front has passed?

- When it is safe, check inside and outside for spot fires, including all cavities and gaps.
- Patrol your house for several hours checking for small fires and burning embers - embers can travel many kilometres.
- DO NOT leave immediately after the front has passed - it can be extremely dangerous.
- Listen to the radio or check with local police for when it's safe to leave.



## When will we put the plan into action?

A large, empty rounded rectangular box for writing the plan into action.

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**What is our backup plan?**



**Where will we shelter if we are trapped?**

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