

Bushfire safety

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Under the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011 (regulations 168, 169 & 97), approved providers of services are required to prepare emergency and evacuation procedures based on a risk assessment that identifies potential emergencies relevant to their service. If your education and care service is located in a bushfire prone area, or is in or near bushland, there is a real risk of bushfire impacting your service's children, staff, buildings and grounds.

If your service has not recently done so, the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia recommends reviewing and updating your bushfire management policies and procedures. Where required, further advice or assistance may be sought from your regional bushfire coordinator and your CFS bushfire prevention officer.

Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) services and those services located on a DECD site must follow the DECD policies and procedures for bushfire management. It is the responsibility of family day care services sponsored by DECD to develop their own bushfire action plan.

Bushfire safety preparation

You can access bushfire safety information and templates that can be modified for your service at: www.crisis.sa.edu.au and www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_bushfire.jsp.

Know the fire danger rating in your area

You can ensure you know the fire danger rating for your area each day during the bushfire season by:

- checking the SA Country Fire Service website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au
- checking the Bureau of Meteorology website at www.bom.gov.au
- calling the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361
- listening to your ABC local radio station or FIVEaa radio station.

For further information

- State Emergency Services (SA): www.ses.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp
- Government of South Australia bushfire and emergency information: www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-skills-and-learning/general-information/bushfire-and-emergency-information
- Fire Protection Association Australia: www.fpaa.com.au
- South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM): www.safecom.sa.gov.au/site/home.jsp
- SA Police News: www.police.sa.gov.au/sa-police-news-assets/front-page-news/sa-police-news
- ABC News: www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/state/sa
- Alert SA: www.alert.sa.gov.au

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