

PREPARING FOR A BUSHFIRE



Bushfires can be unpredictable, fast-moving and out of our control. But you can take action before, during and after a bushfire to reduce its impact on your home and family.

Before a bushfire



Clear leaves from gutters, roofs and downpipes; mow your lawn; and trim low-lying branches around your home. Tidy your backyard and move flammable material such as piles of wood, paper, boxes, crates and garden furniture away from your home.



Draw up a Home Emergency Plan that includes where you and your family will go if you have to evacuate your home and how you will contact each other if separated.



Gather sentimental, important and valuable items, documents and photos that you can take with you should you need to evacuate. Back up important documents digitally. Put together an "Emergency Pack" including tinned food, water, first-aid kit, warm clothing, and a torch.



Make sure you know what your insurance covers and that the sum for which you are insured covers the replacement value of what you would like to insure¹.

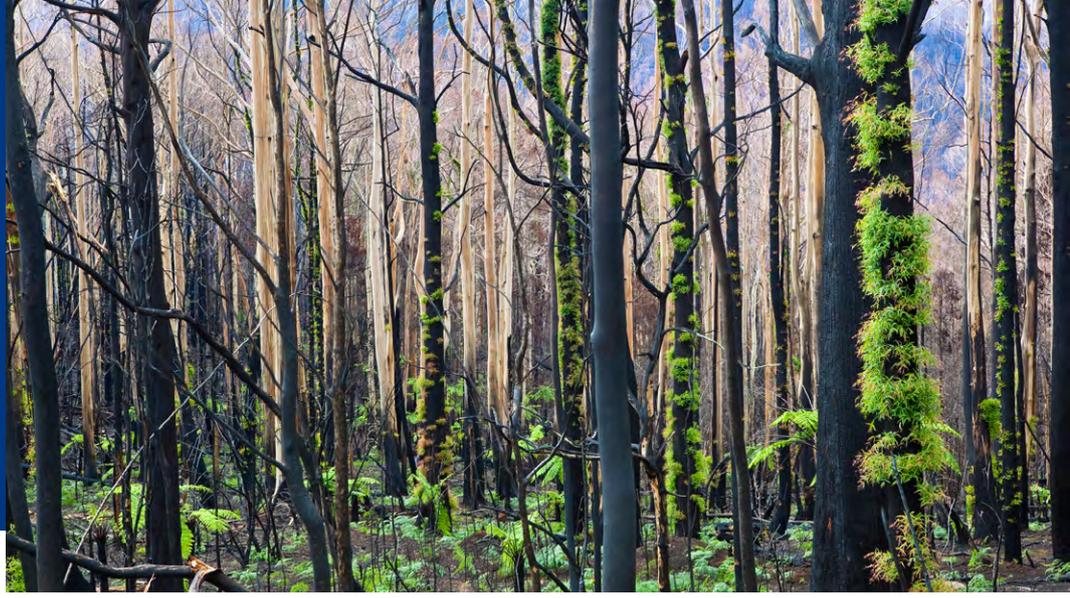
During a bushfire



Use a battery-powered radio to monitor your local radio station for updates on the bushfire, weather, power supply, emergency warnings and evacuation alerts. Contact **000** or your local SES in any emergency.



Close windows, doors and shutters. Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Wear protective clothing if possible. If you can, safely evacuate. Before leaving the house, turn off power and gas, close windows, doors and shutters, using wet towels to block gaps.



After a bushfire



Avoid fallen power lines or damaged gas lines.



Check for and extinguish small spot fires near your house and on your property. If there is any danger, contact **000** or your local SES.



Once the danger has passed, take photos of damaged or destroyed items before disposing of them to assist in any insurance claims. Make your claim online at allianzclaims.com.au or call **13 10 13**.

We're here to help

Severe weather events take an emotional toll on us. If you are suffering, please visit allianz.com.au/support to find the right support measure for you.

References:

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