

An aerial night-time photograph of three fire trucks parked on a dirt road in a bushfire-affected area. The scene is filled with falling embers and smoke, creating a dramatic and urgent atmosphere. The fire trucks are illuminated by their own lights and the ambient fire. A teal arrow points from the left edge of the frame towards the text.

**ONE
EMBER
CAN
END IT.**

You don't have to live near
the bush to face a bush fire.

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PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

INTRODUCTION

- Resident awareness and preparedness is critical, because a lack of knowledge leads to panic and an inability to cope during a bush fire crisis.
- This was certainly highlighted during the Currowan fire event, where many locals were not aware of how to prepare for evacuation, access up-to-date information and know where to evacuate to. This was exacerbated by the fact that our local villages were often faced with power outages and no mobile phone reception, which made accessing up to date notifications impossible.
- The red waterproof document pouches, are a newly introduced resource, in which you can store your important documents, such as passports, birth certificates, insurance and medical documents.
- I will hand out these pouches, which will include a folder on '4 Simple Steps to being Bush Fire Ready', at the end of this presentation.



FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

The bushfire season has now commenced, and it's time to review your bush fire preparation plans to ensure we are ready to take the right action in response to fire danger ratings and associated warnings.

The following slides are extracts from a Rural Fire Service folder that provides residents with four simple steps to get you and your family bush fire ready.



GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save their lives, as well as your home.





The Four Simple Steps

- Discuss
- Prepare
- Know
- Keep



STEP 1: DISCUSS

Careful thought and discussion needs to be given as to what you will do in a bush fire:

- Leave early. Your safest choice.
- Decide to stay. Only if you are well prepared.



LEAVE EARLY

- When will we leave?
- Where will we go?
- How will we get there?
- What will we take?
- Who will we call to tell that we are leaving and that we have arrived safely?
- What is our backup plan?



DECIDE TO STAY

Before you decide to stay ask:

- Is my home well prepared to make it as safe as possible during a fire?
- Am I putting anyone in my family at risk by staying?
- Do we have all the equipment we need to defend my home?
- When there is a fire what is our sign to start defending our home?
- Do we know what to do before, during and after a fire?
- Do all members of our household know what to do in all situations?
- What is our backup plan?



STEP 2: PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Trim
- Mow
- Remove
- Clear
- Prepare

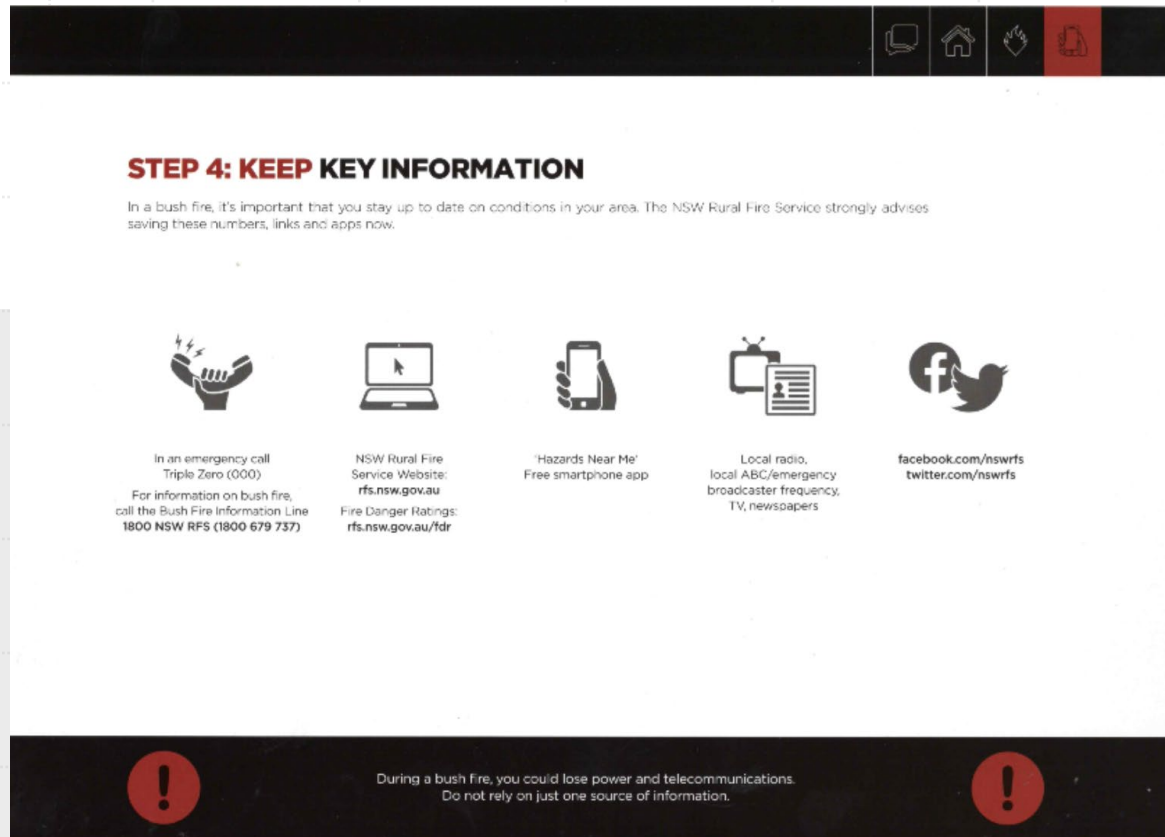


STEP 3: KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

Your safety and survival may depend on the decision you make even before a fire:


- Moderate: Plan and Prepare.
- High: Be Ready to Act
- Extreme: Take Action Now
- Catastrophic: Leave Bush Fire Risk Areas.


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In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)
For information on bush fire, call the Bush Fire Information Line 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)
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NSW Rural Fire Service Website: rfs.nsw.gov.au
Fire Danger Ratings: rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr
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'Hazards Near Me' Free smartphone app
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Local radio, local ABC/emergency broadcaster frequency, TV, newspapers
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facebook.com/nswrfs
twitter.com/nswrfs

During a bush fire, you could lose power and telecommunications. Do not rely on just one source of information.

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- In an emergency call 000.
- NSW Rural Fire Service Website: rfs.nsw.gov.au/fdr
- 'Hazards near me' free smartphone app.
- Local radio, local ABC emergency broadcaster frequency, TV, newspapers.
- [Facebook.com/nswrfs](https://facebook.com/nswrfs), twitter.com/nswrfs.
- Community Information Hub.



AIDER

AIDER is a one-off **free** service supporting assistance for Aged, Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents, who live in a bush fire prone area.

These services may include:

- Thinning vegetation.
- Removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches.
- Cleaning gutters.
- Mowing or slashing long grass.
- Trimming branches from around and overhanging the home.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION HUB

The local Community Information Hub is a digital screen located on the outside window of the Kioloa Bawley Point Community Centre. It will provide:

- Emergency information specific to our location, by agencies including the Police, Rural Fire Service and NSW State Emergency Services.
- In emergency times, the screens will be displaying real-time information, including details on local evacuation centres and fire danger ratings.
- This hub can use satellites to transmit and receive information, which is then sent to a central hub and distributed to users, eliminating the risk of no power or internet to disseminate information.



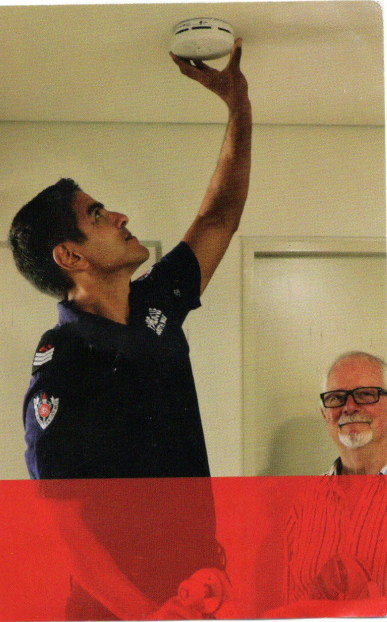
NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT

Prepare an emergency survival kit **before** the bush fire season starts:

- Portable battery-operated radio and spare batteries
- Waterproof torch
- First aid kit
- Cash, ATM cards
- Medications, toiletries and clothing
- Mobile phone and charger
- Important documents, valuables and photos
- Drinking water, and some food for humans and pets.



**BOOK A
FREE SAFETY
VISIT NOW**



A FREE Safety Visit will ensure you have a working smoke alarm and provide you with a number of helpful fire safety tips.

Call your local fire station now to schedule a convenient time for us to conduct a **FREE** Safety Visit in your home.

Contact us on:
e safetyvisit@fire.nsw.gov.au
w fire.nsw.gov.au/Visits



Book a Safety Visit here



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FIRE AND RESCUE FREE SAFETY VISITS

- These visits will ensure that you have working smoke alarms in your home.
- Long-life battery-operated smoke alarms (10 years) will be installed or replaced in your home at no cost.
- Free Safety Visits can also be conducted, where a number of helpful fire safety tips can be provided.
- If you are interested in this service, please fill in the form on the clipboard, and our Community Engagement Officer will organise a visit from Ulladulla Fire and Rescue.
- We do however need a minimum of 10 people for the Fire and Rescue visit.
- If this minimum is not reached, residents can still contact Fire and Rescue and organise their own visit.



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QUESTIONS?

