



CARAVAN PARK SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

When staying in a Caravan Park in a high fire risk area –

DO:

- Find out which **Total Fire Ban District** you are in.
- Observe all rules relating to campfires and barbeques during the **Fire Danger Period**, especially on **Total Fire Ban Days**.
- Designate a '**safe area**' to shelter in if bushfire threatens. Make sure you have worked out how to get there safely, and that it has good protection from radiant heat & ember attack, and plenty of fresh water to drink. Ask your Caravan Park, do they have bushfire emergency procedures; if so make sure you take the time to understand them.
 - A safe place may be a brick toilet / shower / laundry block, an enclosed picnic shelter or behind a concrete wall.
 - In some instances, you might decide to go down to the beach.
 - Lock your car and caravan before you leave.
- Work out what to take with you. Pack a bag with the following and have it handy:
 - Long-legged and long-sleeved non-synthetic clothing, a wide brimmed hat and something to cover your mouth / nose.
 - Plenty of drinking water to prevent dehydration.
 - Your important papers and documents.
- Be alert when crossing major roads, as there will be considerable traffic including fire trucks, police and other emergency vehicles.
- Wait until the fire front has passed, or the area has been declared safe, before returning to check on your caravan/tent.

DO NOT:

- Stay in your caravan or tent, as these may not provide adequate protection during a bushfire.
- Attempt to remove your caravan from the caravan park as this can congest the roads, possibly cause accidents and hamper fire-fighting efforts.
- Try to drive away through the smoke and / or fire as visibility will be limited; you could cause an accident, congest roads, or be exposed to fire and radiant heat.
- Try to out-run the fire on foot, as you will be exposed to radiant heat. Seek appropriate shelter instead.

CFA and your Caravan Park Operator hope these simple tips will allow you to enjoy a safe, fire free holiday.