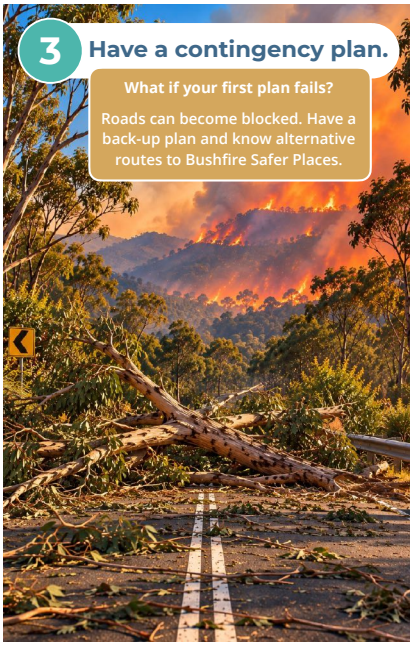
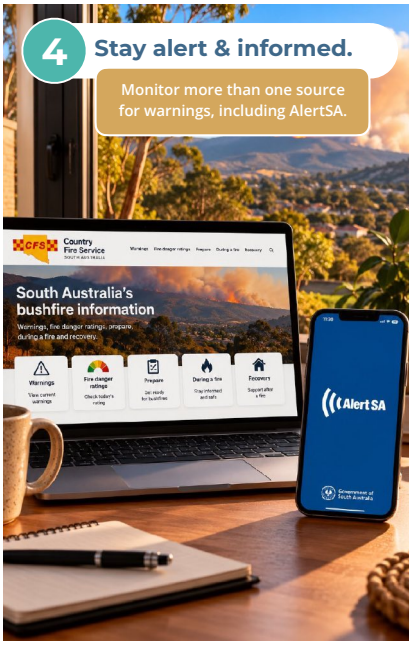
Preparoo Blue | Action 4

Know how to act on fire danger days









Create your 5-min Bushfire Survival Plan today.

Your task for this week:

In this final week of Preparoo Blue, let's 'connect the dots' of essential preparations. If you have completed previous actions, you have already set up the Alert SA app on your phone *(action 1)*, understand fire danger ratings and warnings *(action 2)*, and know about nearby Bushfire Safer Places *(action 3)*.

If you feel unsure about any of these aspects, take some time to review our previous guidance, including the links to further resources.

This week, we want you to think, discuss, plan, and agree amongst your household members what you will do on a fire danger day. ***First***, read about the options of 'Planning to Leave Early' and 'Planning to Stay & Defend'. ***Second***, create your 5-min Bushfire Survival Plan via the CFS website.

Your safest option is to **Leave Early to a Bushfire Safer Place**. 'Early' means leaving before there is a fire — i.e., on the night before or in the early morning of a fire danger day (we count days that are Extreme or Catastrophic as fire danger days).

Planning to stay and defend can be very dangerous: as the CFS website says: "if you are planning to stay, you will need to prepare throughout the year." Even if you are well prepared, the CFS advises: "on days where the Fire Danger Rating is forecast to be Catastrophic, leaving early is the best option for you and your family's survival."

Nevertheless, even if your plan is to leave early, you need to consider **contingency plans:** what if it's no longer safe to leave? Fires may evolve quickly. Roads can become blocked by fires, fallen

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trees, or may be jammed when many residents try to leave at the same time. That is why one needs to think of multiple routes to a Bushfire Safer Place. Note that homes offer better protection from radiant heat than cars. So even if your 'plan A' is to leave early, it is good practice to prepare your home too in case you need to shelter in place.

Taking these points into consideration, prepare your 5-min Bushfire Survival Plan via the CFS website. This will guide you through the steps. You can download your plan and keep a printed copy at hand.

On a fire danger day, also don't forget to monitor conditions through Alert SA and other trusted sources.

Stay safe this upcoming fire danger season!

Checklist week 4

- [ ] I learned about 'Leaving Early'.
- [ ] I learned about 'Stay & Defend'.
- [ ] I learned about 'contingency plans'.
- [ ] I learned about 'staying alert and informed'.
- [ ] I have prepared a 5-minute bushfire survival plan.

More to come...

Having reached week 4 of our Preparoo Blue challenge, there is more to come. Later this week, we will post a **quiz**, which will cover the actions you have taken and some knowledge questions. Score 70% or more to receive a certificate and badge. Share your achievement with others!

We have also planned an advanced challenge called Preparoo Gold. This features four more actions that are slightly more challenging. Please note that we have decided to postpone the start of Preparoo Gold as well as our story competition Preparoo & You.

This will allow more residents to get up to speed with Preparoo Blue actions. So please keep sharing, as many of you have done already.

We have had over 2,000 views for several videos, which is very encouraging.

Thank you for being part of Preparoo Blue!

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