

SUNA Bushfire Risk Management Procedure

At SUNA, we are fortunate to be surrounded by a reserve. However, severe bushfire coming through the reserve could threaten lives and cause damage to property and the environment. That's why we have plans in place to ensure our community's safety.

FIRE DANGER RATINGS

The Fire Danger Rating is an indicator of how dangerous a bushfire could be if it did occur. It is not a predictor of how likely a bushfire is to occur. It should be used as an early indicator to trigger your plans.

State Emergency services uses Fire Danger Ratings to communicate the level of bushfire risk. The higher the rating the more dangerous the conditions are likely to be. At higher ratings, any fire that starts will likely to be fast-moving and difficult to control.

The highest category of Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic. SUNA is located within the Mount Lofty Ranges Zone.



MODERATE

- Most fires can be controlled,
- Controlled burning may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply,
- Plan and prepare.

HIGH

- Fires can be dangerous,

- There's a heightened risk,
- If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk,
- Be ready to act,
- Be alert for fires in your area,
- Decide what you will do if a fire starts.

EXTREME

- TOTAL FIRE BAN
- Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous,
- These are dangerous fire conditions,
- You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions,
- Act now to protect your life and property,
- Check your Bushfire Survival Plan and that your property is fire ready,
- If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts,
- Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas.

CATASTROPHIC

- TOTAL FIRE BAN
- If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost,
- These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire,
- Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions,
- The safest place to be is away from high-risk bushfire areas.

The AFDRS introduces 'no rating' for days where no proactive action is required by a community. This does not mean that fires cannot happen, but that they are less likely to move or act in a way that threatens the safety of the community.

Warnings and incidents

SA Country Fire Service (CFS) responds to a range of incidents across South Australia. Their daily/going incidents are listed [here](#).

This information is updated every 5 minutes and updated daily at midnight to remove completed incidents.

All Emergency Responses - in an emergency, please call [000](#)

Phone the Bushfire Information Hotline on [1800 362 361](#) for information regarding active bushfires in a particular area, BBQs, campfires, fire bans, Fire Ban Districts and restrictions, bushfire safety and burning off.

Alert Levels

During a bush fire, Alert Levels are used to give you an indication of the level of threat from a fire.

There are three levels of Bush Fire Alerts:

The three levels of warnings are:

-  Advice
-  Watch and Act
-  Emergency warning

Advice



Bushfire Advice Message

A Bushfire Advice Message will be issued when bushfires pose a threat to property or public safety, or when:

- a bushfire has been reported and we are attending but no further information is available (Incident notification).
- a bushfire is producing smoke in an area that may cause concern to the public
- there is a need to advise of a specific event.

Watch and Act



Bushfire Watch and Act Message

A Bushfire Watch and Act Message is regularly issued for bushfires that pose a localised threat to property or public safety where:

- a bushfire is threatening or is a potential threat to public safety in the immediate area of a fire.
- a bushfire is producing smoke in an area that may cause concern to the public on a day of elevated fire danger.

- there is a need to advise of a specific event.

Emergency Warning



Bushfire Emergency Warning Messages will be issued for wide area community affect when:

- an uncontrolled bushfire is burning under Extreme to Catastrophic Fire Weather conditions; and
- the risk of loss of life or threat to properties is almost certain or has occurred; or
- where special circumstances exist, for example when a life or house has been lost.

SUNA'S Management will monitor the Fire Danger Ratings, current Warnings and Incidents and assess the level of bushfire risk and then decide on what actions to take and communicate promptly with partners/ stakeholders.

To help minimise the risk of bushfire we:

- Maintain our grounds to reduce fuel loads and maintain fire breaks to provide firefighter access and defensible space,
- Notify Onkaparinga Council if any issues onsite increase fuel loads or compromise firefighter access and defensible space,
- Support our SA Country Fire Service (CFS),

Fire Danger Rating of Catastrophic for the Mount Lofty Ranges Zone

If on the day of Competition, there is a **Fire Danger Rating of Catastrophic** for the Mount Lofty Ranges Zone we will automatically cancel the Competition.

Emergency Warning/ Watch and Act/ Advice

On Competition nights we will monitor for Bushfire Alerts for our area and take immediate action.

Evacuation of SUNA if threatened by Bush Fire

<p>Announcement over PA by Competition Supervisor to advise of phased evacuation.</p> <p>Staff to attend Front or Back Double Gates prior to announcement to assist members.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any unaccompanied player, umpire or child who needs assistance must be rapidly identified. <i>For the purposes of this policy and associated procedures, a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years</i> • A Committee Member from their Club with a Working with Children Check should supervise the child with another Committee member and ascertain contact details of their emergency contact or parents/ carer/ legal guardian. • A Committee Member from that Club should then contact the emergency contact or parents/ carer/ legal guardian and advise of evacuation and arrange a meeting/ handover site once clear of SUNA. Two members of the club should accompany the child until handover.
<p>Umpire Mentors and Canteen Staff to assist with evacuation as directed by Competition Supervisor and Umpire Supervisor.</p>
<p>Car Park to be actively monitored to assist with movement of traffic and pedestrians.</p>

Rationale

SUNA recognises that incidents present some level of risk that can harm the performance and/ or the health of participants. Incidents can place participants at risk of injury, illness and in extreme circumstances even death.

We recognise our role to manage incidents and meet our legal obligations for duty of care, which is considered in this procedure and consequent actions and decisions of SUNA.

Document Control

SUNA should be advised of any errors, omissions, ambiguities, and requests for change or suggestions for improvement in this document and in the critical incident process generally. Changes will need to be approved prior to being incorporated into the next version of this document.

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