

# How to be safe from bushfire in Victoria



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Book 4

In a bushfire



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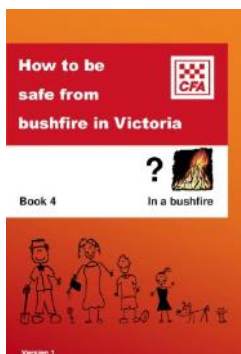
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**In a bushfire**



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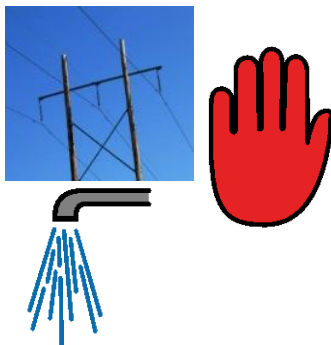
## In a bushfire



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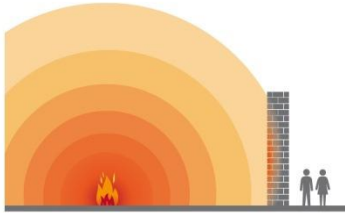
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## In a bushfire



It is very **noisy**.



It is very very **hot**.



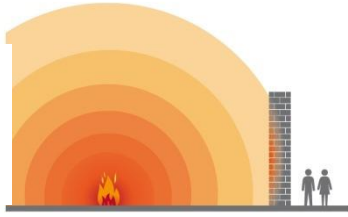
It is **dark**. Day time looks like night time.

There is lots of smoke.

It can be dark smoke.



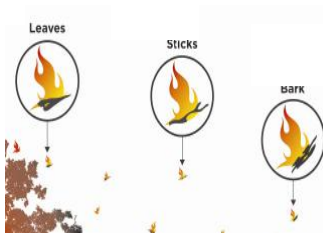
You can **not** see.



There is a lot of heat from the fire.

This is called radiant heat.

Radiant heat is very dangerous. Read page 16.



Sometimes there are fires ahead of the main fire.

This is called spot fires.

The spot fires come from embers. Read page 19.



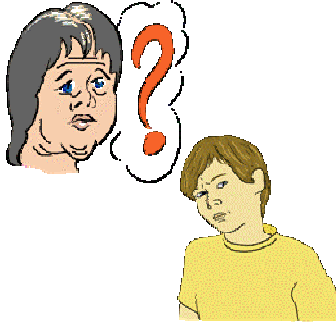
The wind makes the fire do different things.

Fire comes from different places.

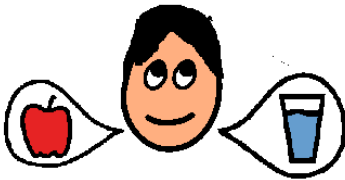
Fire goes different ways. Read page 21.



## What you may feel?



- scared
- confused
- tired
- stressed



- you want lots of drink
- you may want lots of food.



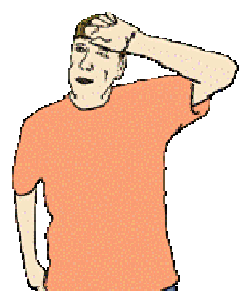
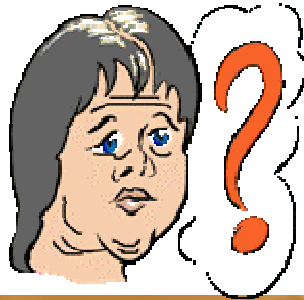
It can feel like your breath is stuck in your throat.

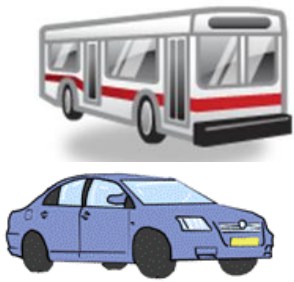
You may have sore eyes



Lost or you do **not** know where you are.







# !! Danger on the road

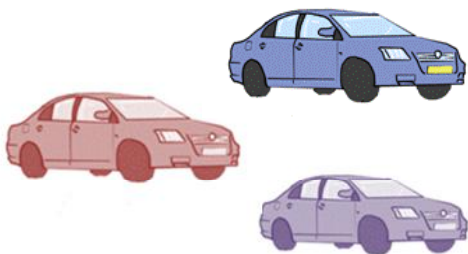


There is

- lots of smoke



- you can **not** see



- lots of cars want to go the same way all at once.



There can be blocked roads from

- fallen trees
- powerlines down
- fire and police trucks.



Sometimes police block a road.



There will be embers and spot fires.

Embers may burn for a long time.

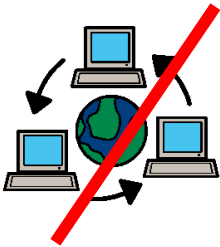


You can **not** see where the fire is coming from.



# Services will stop

There may be



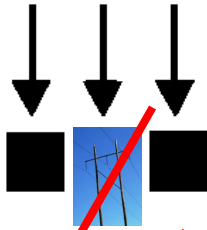
- no phone
- no internet



- no water



- no power
- no gas.



Sometimes power is shut off.

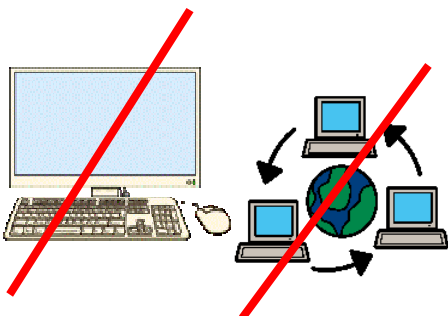
It is a **high** fire danger day.



No power means



- no cordless phones
- no remote control garage door
- no power for your gates

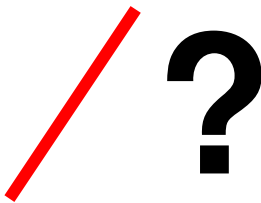


- no computer
- no internet.



Also

- no air conditioners
- no fans.



Can you think of other things you can **not** use?

Like, TV, your breathing machine.

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You need a diesel pump to get water.

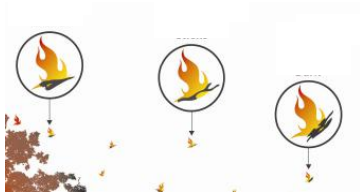




## 3 more dangers



1. Radiant heat



2. Embers



3. Wind

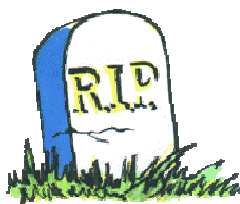
# 1. Radiant heat



Radiant heat is dangerous.

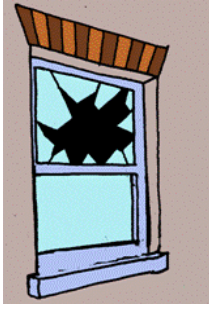
It is **extra strong** heat.

It comes from the bushfire.

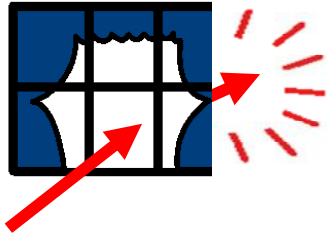


Radiant heat can kill you.

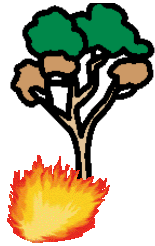




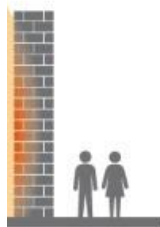
The radiant heat can break windows.



Radiant heat can go **through** windows.



Radiant heat can make other things catch on fire.



You must

- have a solid object, like a concrete wall between you and the heat.



Wear clothes on **all** your skin.



Keep away from the fire.



Stay away from windows.



## 2. Embers

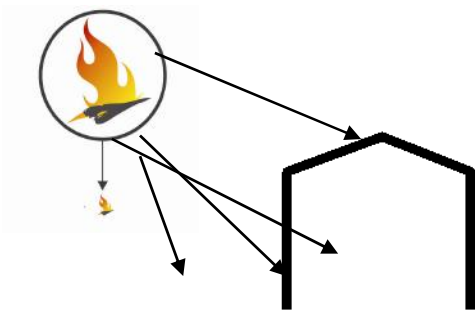


Embers are burning

- small twigs
- bark
- leaves.



The wind brings the embers.



The embers land on or near your house.

The embers land in the gutters, or other buildings.



The embers may be **before** the bushfire.



The embers may be **after** the bushfire.



Embers do start new fires.

These are called Spot Fires.



Look for embers or spot fires.

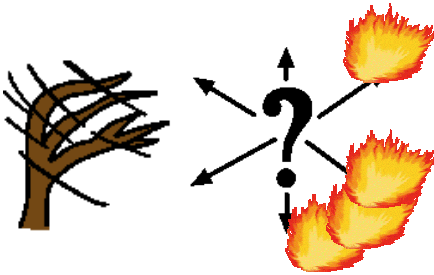
Put them out **only** if it is safe.



### 3. Wind



Wind is very dangerous.



Wind can change

- how fast a fire spreads
- which way the fire goes
- how big the front of the fire is
- how strong the fire is.

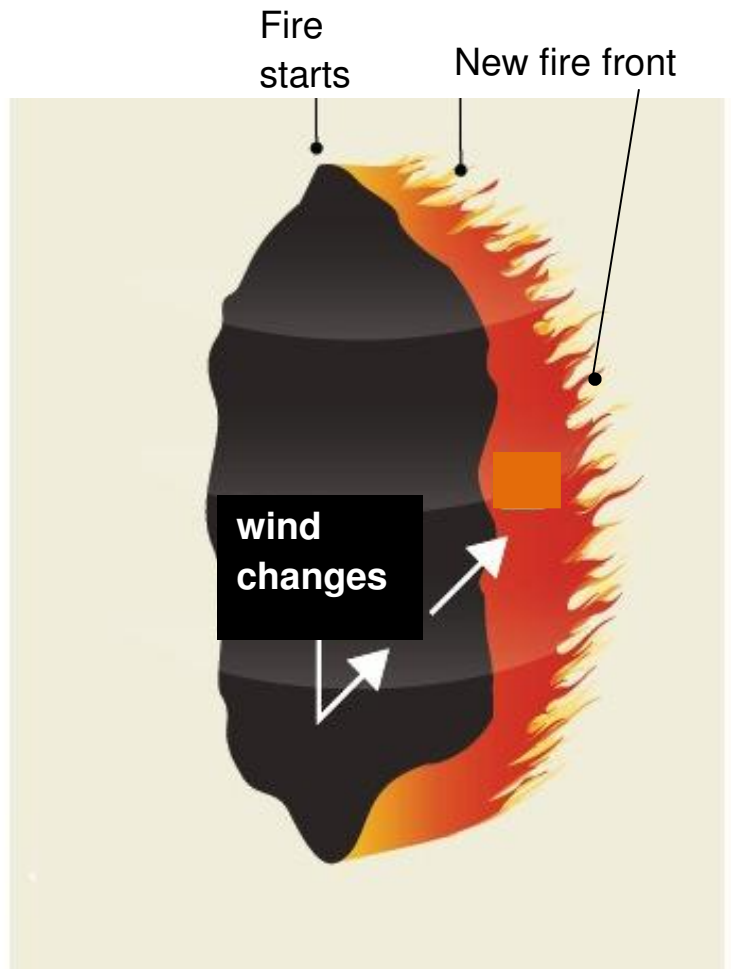
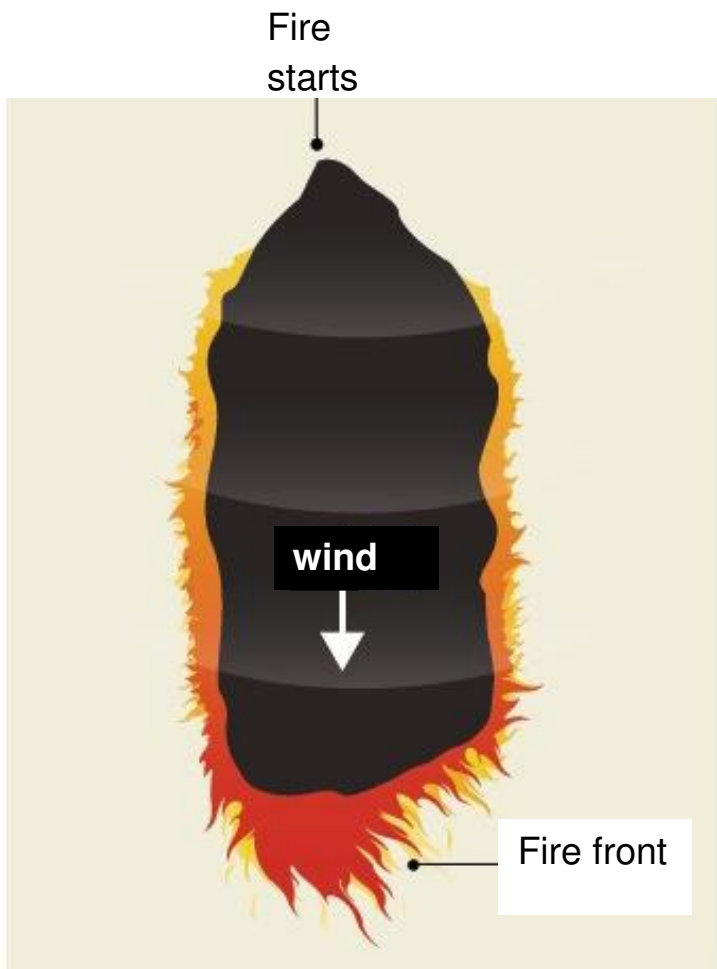


There are more embers.



When the wind changes.

The fire changes when the wind changes.





**To stay alive**

**Your place of last resort**



1. In a building



2. In a car



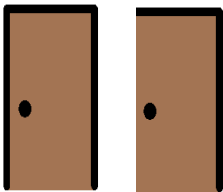
3. Other places you can go



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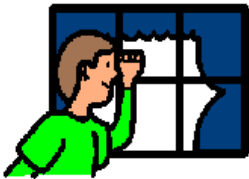


Go to a room



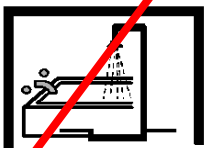
- with 2 ways you can get out.

It can be 2 doors or a window with a door.



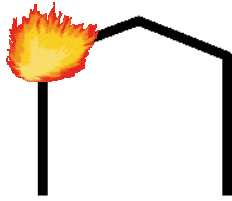
- you can see outside.

You need to see where the fire is.



Do **not** hide in the bathroom.





If your house catches fire



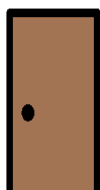
- close the door to the room that is on fire



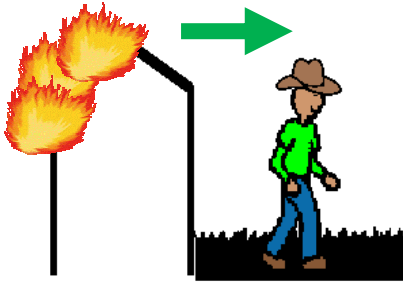
- move to a different part of the house



- close all the doors behind you.



Do **not** get trapped in a room with only 1 way out.

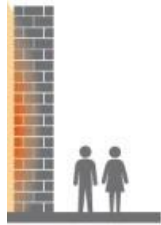


Your building is on fire.

Move outside.

Go to the burnt ground.

The fire has gone past.



Put a big object between you  
and the heat of the fire.



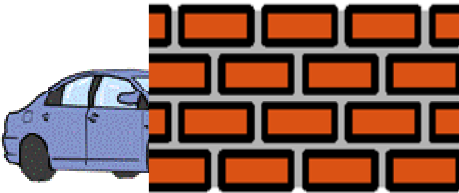
Drink water.



## 2. In a car

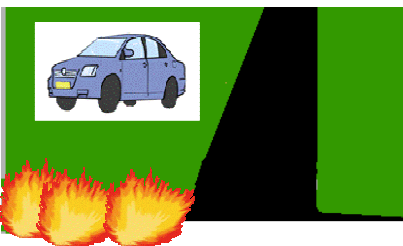


It is very dangerous in your car.

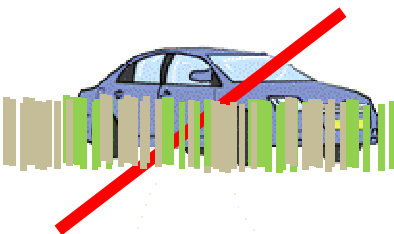


Stop your car behind an object, like a wall or rocky outcrop.

or



- in a clear area.
- with the front of your car facing the fire front
- off the road.



Do **not** park near the bush or long grass.

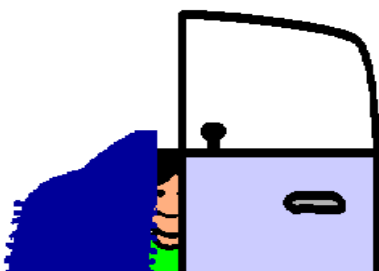
## Stay in your car



- turn your lights on
- shut **all** windows and doors



- leave engine **on**



- get down below window level
- put a wool blanket over each person.



Drink water.



When the fire is close



- turn **off** the engine



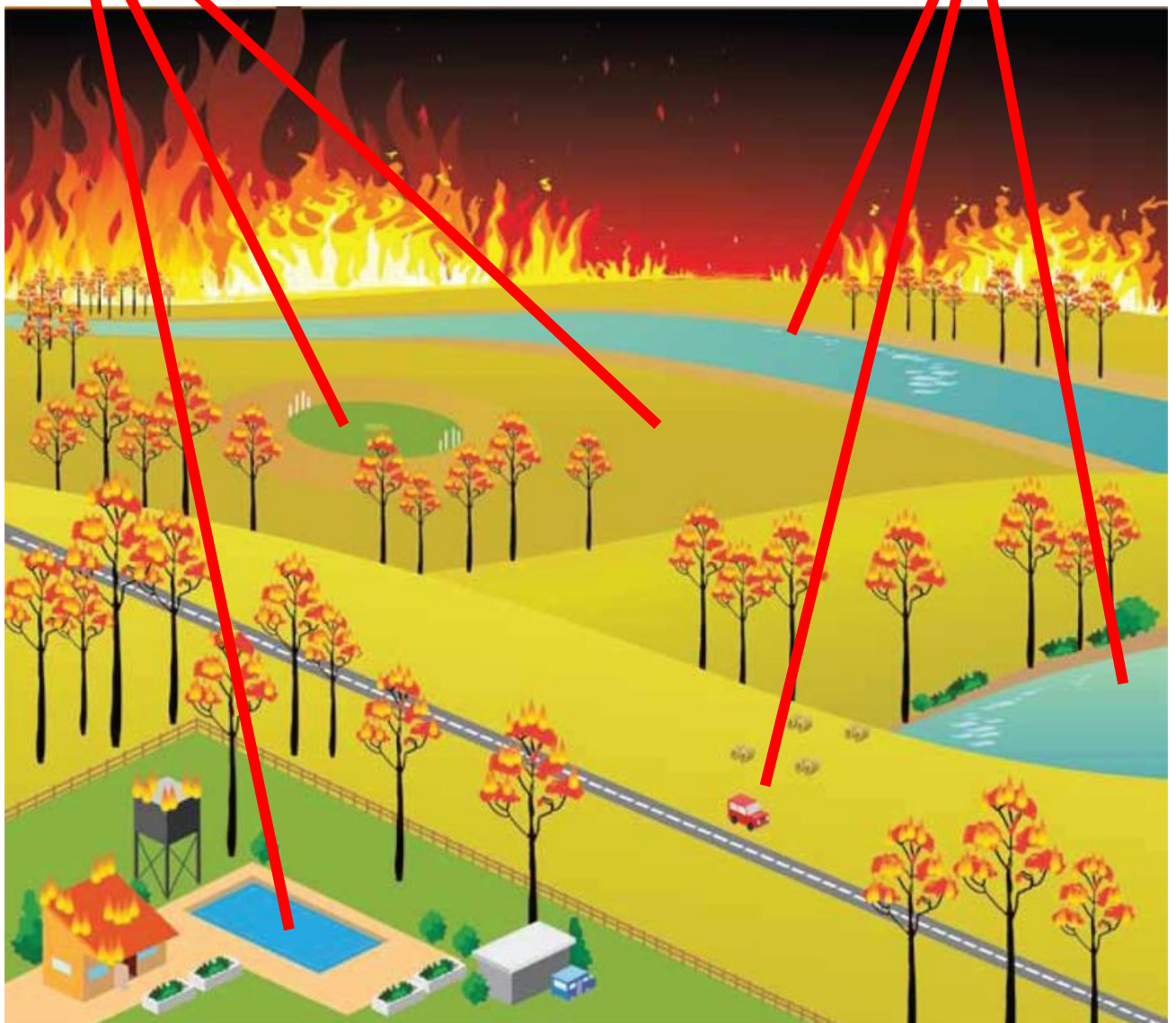
- shut **all** vents
- turn **off** the air conditioning.



### 3. Other places you can go



This is your place of **last resort**.





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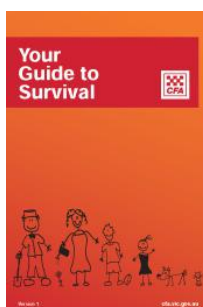
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