

EVANSFORD & DISTRICT

Local Town Emergency Plan

Emergencies (Fire/Heat/Flood/Storm/Other Incidents) can happen quickly.

Planning and preparing for emergencies can help reduce the impact and to recover more quickly.

THINK AHEAD

- Understand the risks to your property and members of your household.
- Develop and practice an emergency plan so your household members know what to do in an emergency.
- Know where to find warnings and what they mean.
- Pack a kit with items you may need to cope in an emergency.
- Prepare your property.

PLANNING TOOLS

CFA Fire Ready Kit
SES Home Emergency Plan
RED CROSS Emergency REDiPlan

Note: During major emergencies there are often many competing demands for the emergency services. Households need to share the responsibility for staying safe.

BE ALERT

Look, listen and smell.
Be aware of what's happening around you.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

To report an incident:
Police, Fire, Ambulance 000
Flood/Storm Emergency 132 500

Mobile Ph (with no service) 112

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Seek reliable information about what is happening and advice from emergency services.

Monitor local ABC radio station
107.9 FM
or commercial radio stations.

Vic Emergency
www.emergency.vic.gov.au

VIC Bushfire Information Line
1800 240 667

Storm/Flood
VIC SES Information Line
1300 842 737

WHAT TO EXPECT

All-Hazards

- Most people will experience some anxiety, stress and alarm.
- Dangerous to travel on the roads with limited visibility, debris and many emergency vehicles.
- Limited or restricted access to and within the area.
- Could have power outages, lose water pressure and phone lines.

Fire

- Smoke, heat, noise and limited visibility.
- Radiant heat that can kill.
- Burning embers landing ahead of the fire and after it's passed.

Heatwave

- Unusual and uncomfortably hot weather.
- Can make existing medical conditions worse.
- Can cause heat related illness that can be fatal.

Severe Thunderstorms & Weather

- Hazards such as floodwater, debris and damaged roads or bridges.
- Damaged buildings, power lines and trees.

WHEN TO GO

- On Code Red Fire Danger Rating Days leave early (or the night before).
- On severe and extreme days, if you are not prepared, leave early.
- When advised to evacuate by the Police.
- Listen to the warning messages via radio, internet, phone etc.
- Don't forget to check on your neighbours or the elderly if it is safe to do so.

Take your Household Emergency Household Kit and Need to Leave: Don't Forget Bag with daily items to help you cope.

WHERE TO GO

FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Well away from emergency threat.

RELIEF CENTRE

Designated location used for the assembly of emergency-affected persons. Will only be established depending on extent and location of the emergency event. The location will be well away from the threat and announced via radio.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE

Use the CFA or Council website to familiarise yourself with the declared locations.

This is a place of last resort during the passage of a bushfire. This is not a refuge or relief centre. Emergency Services may not be present.

DESIGNATED COOLER PLACE

A place for relief from the heat.

WEBSITES

- Bureau of Meteorology (Weather) www.bom.gov.au
- Country Fire Authority (Fire) www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- SES (Flood/Storm) www.ses.vic.gov.au
- DEPI (Environment/Animals) www.depi.vic.gov.au
- Red Cross (Relief) www.redcross.org.au
- VicRoads (Traffic conditions) www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

WARNING INFORMATION

FIRE WARNINGS:

Advice – General advice to keep you up-to date with developments.

Watch and Act - An emergency threatens you

- Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect your health, life and family.

Emergency Warning

- You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately.

- You will be impacted by the emergency.

All Clear - Emergency activity in the area has subsided and is no longer a danger to you.

SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS

(not related to fire/thunderstorm) issued for:

- Sustained winds of gale force (63 km/h) or more.

- Wind gusts of 90 km/h or more.

- Very heavy rain that may lead to flash flooding.

HEAT HEALTH ALERT issued for:

Forecast average temperatures predicted to reach or exceed the heat health temperature threshold for the district.

(Average of daily maximum temperature divided by overnight temperature.)

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS issued for:

Where significant localised damage may be caused by the action of damaging wind gusts, large hail, tornadoes or flash flooding.

Stay calm and follow the advice of the warnings.



Map is for general information purposes only.

KNOW WHAT TO DO

In stressful situations:

1. **Keep calm**, taking deep breaths.
2. **Implement your Household Emergency Plan** to protect yourself and your family.
3. Understand that feeling worried and anxious is normal, **use helpful thoughts to cope**.
4. **Ensure you act sensibly** by telling yourself that the danger and what is happening is real.
5. **Continue to check warnings** for critical new information.
6. **Continue to drink water, eat and take breaks**.
7. **Wear appropriate clothing** for the conditions.
8. Engaging in **simple practical preparedness tasks** prior to an event will help to give you a sense of confidence and control.



Note: This document is a guide only in assisting communities to prepare for future emergency events. It is designed to complement and support existing preparation material from emergency agencies.