

BUSHFIRES NT

What if I encounter a bushfire while driving

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*Protect Life, Property & Environment
from the threat of Wildfire*



During the dry season it's not unusual to see a fire on the side of the road or highway.

Do you know what to do if you encounter a bushfire while driving?

Here are a few tips.

- Think about it – do you really need to drive through that area right now? If possible wait for the smoke to clear.
- Slow down and be aware that there could be people, vehicles or livestock on the road.
- Turn your headlights on to low beam and close windows and vents.
- Watch out for slow-moving and parked vehicles. Listen and watch out for other traffic.
- Try to reduce the distractions in your vehicle. Turn off your radio and phone.
- Be patient. Avoid passing and/or changing lanes.
- Signal turns well in advance and brake early as you approach a stop.
- Do not stop on a highway or heavily travelled road. You could become the first link in a chain-reaction collision. If you have to stop, signal, then carefully pull off the road as far as possible. Once you have stopped, make sure your hazard lights remain on.
- Follow the directions of police and firefighters if present.



If you become trapped by a fierce fire:

- Stay in your car.
- Park in an area of low or no vegetation, keep the engine running and turn on the hazard lights.
- Close the doors, windows and vents.
- Lie on the floor and cover your body with any available woollen or cotton fabric.
- Do not get out of the car or open the doors or windows until the fire front has passed.

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