



Aged & Community Services
SA & NT Inc

Bushfire Risk Management Update

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Is your facility in a Bushfire Safer Precinct?

The Country Fire Service (CFS) has produced updated maps of "Bushfire Safer Precincts". These maps are organised by council area and details the boundaries of areas that are relatively safe and may be used as a place for people to stay in or as a place of first resort for those people who have decided that they will leave high risk locations early on a bad fire weather day.

Aged & Community Services SA & NT is encouraging its members to review their locations relative to the CFS Bushfire Safer Precinct Maps. The maps can accessed via this [link](#). The first step in assessing your location is to know your local government area. If you are unsure as to which Council your facility is located in, you can access the [LGA website](#) to determine this.

Having your facility located in a bushfire safer precinct does not mean you are not at risk. It is recommended that you review your emergency management plan, fire plan, evacuation plan and business continuity plan to be prepared for a bushfire or any emergency. An emergency management plan is also a requirement for accreditation under the Department of Health and Ageing.

If your facility is located outside a bushfire safer precinct, this does not mean that there is greater risk, this would indicate that a more thorough assessment is needed to identify areas of concern. Contact us at ACS on 8338 7111 or email us : acs@agedcommunity.asn.au so we can direct you to the project team conducting Bushfire Site Assessments. ACS together with the CFS and the SA Health Emergency Management Unit has previously conducted site assessments of residential aged care facilities located in bushfire high risk zones. This industry and government partnership is still ongoing and it is expected that funding will come through to allow site assessments of more facilities, specifically targeting sites located in the rural and remote regions of South Australia.

Bushfire Workshop Presentations

ACS, in collaboration with SA Health and the CFS has organised two previous Bushfire Workshops. The presentations and handouts provide an excellent source of information and can be accessed on the [ACS website](#). A dvd of the May 2011 workshop is also available on request.

Useful Resources

- [ACS Bushfire Risk Management Plan](#)
- [Large Print Bushfire Information](#)
- [Multilingual Bushfire Safety Information](#)
- [Fire Ready Kit](#)
- [Multilingual Fire Safety Information](#)
- [Working Guidelines for Local Government During Emergencies](#)
- CFS bushfire resource materials in [audio format](#).
- [Bushfire Safety for Travellers](#)

Useful Numbers

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