

The stories on this postcard could happen to anyone. Please use this to talk to your neighbours or leave this at their door with a message.



What are your plans when bushfire comes?

Dear neighbour,

You can contact me on:

Have you discussed bushfire plans with your neighbour?

During a wildfire, under-prepared households create risk for their neighbours. Lack of knowledge and last minute decisions can lead to serious injury or death.

Together, we can plan for bushfires

Come to a Bush Fire Awareness Day, on Friday 15th, or Saturday 16th January 2010, 1:00pm–3:30pm, at The Youth Hall, 19–21 Moore street, Apollo Bay.

At this event you will:

- learn about Community Fireguard, and the benefits of planning with your neighbours;
- identify risks specific to your local area;
- create tools to communicate with your neighbours.

Book your place by calling Anna O'Brien on 03 5237 6904 or email solnanna@vicnet.net.au

This initiative is supported by the Southern Otways Landcare Network and the CFA Fireguard. It is funded by the Bushfire CRC and Design Research Institute, RMIT. For more information contact Dr Yoko Akama: yoko.akama@rmit.edu.au



What plans could you make to avoid this situation?

Rupert and Eleanor's agree to let their teenage sons stay in the holiday home in Skene's creek for the weekend. But they didn't know their sons invited their friends to go with them. On the weekend 'Code red' bushfire warnings in the Otways are broadcast. Rupert calls Jim's mobile but there is no reception. Eleanor rings their holiday home number but the line is dead...

Paul has prepared his property and surrounding landscape. There is smoke over the hills and the fire is heading towards Wild Dog. He starts up the water pump but the pipe suddenly breaks. Remembering that his neighbour has a spare he jumps in the car. As he drives, he sees a group of panic-stricken teenagers at one of the houses, packing a car with their belongings. One of the boys sees Paul's car and runs towards the road, yelling at him to stop and help...

What are your back-up plans for when something unexpected happens?

The stories on this postcard could happen to anyone. Please use this to talk to your neighbours or leave this at their door with a message.



What are your plans when bushfire comes?

Dear neighbour,

You can contact me on:

Have you discussed bushfire plans with your neighbour?

During a wildfire, under-prepared households create risk for their neighbours. Lack of knowledge and last minute decisions can lead to serious injury or death.

Together, we can plan for bushfires

Come to a Bush Fire Awareness Day, on Friday 15th, or Saturday 16th January 2010, 1:00pm–3:30pm, at The Youth Hall, 19–21 Moore street, Apollo Bay.

At this event you will:

- learn about Community Fireguard, and the benefits of planning with your neighbours;
- identify risks specific to your local area;
- create tools to communicate with your neighbours.

Book your place by calling Anna O'Brien on 03 5237 6904 or email solnanna@vicnet.net.au

This initiative is supported by the Southern Otways Landcare Network and the CFA Fireguard. It is funded by the Bushfire CRC and Design Research Institute, RMIT. For more information contact Dr Yoko Akama: yoko.akama@rmit.edu.au

There is smoke over the hills and fire is heading towards Apollo Bay. John and Rose had planned to go to their neighbours' house in an emergency because it is safer and easier to defend. But strong winds have blown a large tree over the road between them and their neighbour, making it impossible to get through...

What are your back-up plans for when something unexpected happens?

Do you know what your neighbours' plans are?

Iris is in Apollo Bay running errands when she hears that fire will be there in several hours. Anxious about her dogs at home in the yard she calls her neighbours, but they're not answering. She isn't sure whether they're outside, preparing the house or have evacuated already. She doesn't know whether she should drive back home, or stay in town...

The stories on this postcard could happen to anyone. Please use this to talk to your neighbours or leave this at their door with a message.



What are your plans when bushfire comes?

Dear neighbour,

You can contact me on:

Have you discussed bushfire plans with your neighbour?

During a wildfire, under-prepared households create risk for their neighbours. Lack of knowledge and last minute decisions can lead to serious injury or death.

Together, we can plan for bushfires

Come to a Bush Fire Awareness Day, on Friday 15th, or Saturday 16th January 2010, 1:00pm–3:30pm, at The Youth Hall, 19–21 Moore street, Apollo Bay.

At this event you will:

- learn about Community Fireguard, and the benefits of planning with your neighbours;
- identify risks specific to your local area;
- create tools to communicate with your neighbours.

Book your place by calling Anna O'Brien on 03 5237 6904 or email solnanna@vicnet.net.au

This initiative is supported by the Southern Otways Landcare Network and the CFA Fireguard. It is funded by the Bushfire CRC and Design Research Institute, RMIT. For more information contact Dr Yoko Akama: yoko.akama@rmit.edu.au



Mike is new to the area and is at home when he hears 'Code red' bushfire warnings. He rings the local CFA to find out what to do but the line is dead. Cars speed by on the road and a passenger yells out that fire is coming. He's with the kids and his partner Jayne has taken the car to go shopping an hour ago. Rising winds makes it difficult to judge how close the fire is. Mike is beginning to panic and is not sure whether to stay in the house with the kids or go to the neighbour's for help...

Do you know your neighbours and what their plans are?

What are your back-up plans for when something unexpected happens?

'Code red' bushfire warnings have gone out. Victor and Marge have decided to defend the house and are busy with preparation. Soon they see a man running towards the house with three small children. They are in a state of panic. Marge goes out to help them, delaying preparations. The father wants to leave the kids with Marge, so he can go back to his house and wait for his partner to come home...