

## Travelling During a Bushfire

### What if I encounter a bushfire while driving?

If there is a lot of smoke:

- slow down and be aware that there could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road
- turn car headlights and hazard lights on close windows and outside vents

If you cannot see clearly:

- pull over to the side of the road
- stop your vehicle
- keep your headlights and hazard lights on
- wait until the smoke clears

If you become trapped by a fierce fire:

- stay in your car
- park in an area of low or no vegetation with the vehicle orientated towards the oncoming fire front
- turn engine off
- close the doors, windows and outside vents
- lie on the floor and cover your body with any available woollen or cotton blankets or cloth
- do not get out or open windows until the fire front has passed
- For emergency assistance, call 000

Always follow the directions of police and firefighters if they are present.

### What if I encounter a bushfire on foot?

- Do not panic
- Move to clear or already burnt ground
- Don't try to run uphill
- Stay low and seek shelter behind a log, rocky outcrop or embankment to protect yourself from radiant heat
- If your clothes catch fire, don't run — stop, drop, cover your face and roll over and over to extinguish the flames

