

BUSHFIRE POLICY - Fire Danger Rating system UC Camping

Response Protocols



FIRE Danger	Fire Behaviour	Site Management Services	UCC Site Staff & Volunteers	Camp Protocols for Guests
Code Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires may be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving – flames will be higher than roof tops. Thousands of embers will be blown around. Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions, 20km or more ahead of the fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Management services will not be available from 9.30 am on this day and will not re-open until the next day. The Site Manager will post a notice indicating the office will be closed and the on-call telephone contact details. The Site Manager will enact their personal fire plan, however will remain available for on-call. The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will not attend work in order to enact their personal fire plans and care for family members. Staff are not to bring family members or pets to the work place as part of their personal fire plan. All volunteers will be cancelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The camp will be vacated on days designated as 'Code Red'. A meeting of all guests will be called for the evening prior, or as soon as practical to a code red announcement, to re-assure guests and clarify arrangements for the coming day. The Site Manager will make direct contact with guests with special needs to assist them in their planning.
Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires may be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving- flames will be higher than roof tops. Thousands of embers will be blown around. Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions, 6km or more ahead of the fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site management will operate on this day. Operations will continue as usual pending monitoring and observation. The Site Manager will enact their personal fire plan, however will remain available for on-call. The Site Manager will monitor the weather and fire situation in any way they can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers. The Site Manager will endeavour to keep guests informed. The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff may choose to remain at home in order to enact their fire plans and care for family members. Staff are not to bring family members or pets to the work place. All volunteers will be cancelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting of all guests will be called for the evening prior to re-assure guests and clarify arrangements for the coming day. The Site Manager will make direct contact with guests with special needs to assist them in their planning.
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires may be uncontrollable and move quickly - flames may be higher than roof tops. Expect embers to be blown around. Spot fires may occur up to 4km ahead of the fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All services will operate as usual in accordance with UCC Site Management policies and procedures. The Site Manager will monitor the weather and fire situation in any way they can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers. The Site Manager will endeavour to keep guests informed. The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will be expected to work on this day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A guests meeting will be called for the evening prior to re-assure guests and clarify arrangements. The Site Manager will make direct contact with guests with special needs to assist them in their planning.
Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires may be difficult to control, flames may burn tree tops. Embers may be blown around ahead. Spot fires may occur up to 2km ahead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All services will operate as usual in accordance with UCC Adequate Management policies and procedures. The Site Manager will monitor the weather and fire situation in any way they can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers. The Site Manager will endeavour to keep guests informed. The Site Manager will regularly communicate with the UC Camping Director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will be expected to work on this day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal planning processes will apply.
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fires can be controlled. Embers may be blown ahead of the fire. Spot fires can occur close to the main fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will be expected to work on this day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal planning processes will apply.