

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"> ▽ A Site Management services will not be available from 9.30 a.m. 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.