



Bushfire Safety



Australasian Fire and Emergency
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Protect Yourself

Name: _____

The heat from a bushfire (called radiant heat) can be so hot that materials burn or melt. Radiant heat can be very dangerous to people and is the most common cause of injury or death in a bushfire. It is important to protect yourself from radiant heat. Read the scenarios below and decide if they would protect you from radiant heat.

Scenario	Protect from radiant heat? Yes or no and why?
Stand in the middle of the local oval in your shorts and t-shirt.	
Stand in the middle of the local oval wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, boots and glasses.	
Jump into your car and put all the windows up.	
Take shelter inside your brick house and cover yourself with a woollen blanket.	
Put on a long-sleeved shirt and pants and shelter behind a brick wall.	
Hide under a piece of old plastic that you found in your yard.	
Hide behind a bale of straw in the tin shed in your back yard.	
Take shelter in a glasshouse.	
Take shelter in your swimming pool, a creek or a dam.	