

# Summer fire safety checklist

## Fire protection equipment

- Ensure smoke alarms are installed and in proper working order
- Equip your home with appropriate fire extinguishers and fire blankets and place them in accessible locations
- Ensure you and your family are familiar with how to operate fire protection equipment.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan.

## Barbecues/outdoors

- Observe any fire restrictions or fire bans issued by the fire department.
- Monitor the barbeque while it is lit. Once finished, turn off the gas cylinder and let the remaining gas in the pipe run through the BBQ before shutting it off.
- If a gas leak should occur, shut off the cylinder immediately and allow any gas to dissipate.
- Allow hot ashes or coals to cool for 48 hours before removing them.
- Keep children away from the barbeque, lighters and matches.
- Take extra care with any chemicals and fuels stored in the garage or shed. Always refuel mowers and motorised garden equipment when they are cold and out in the open.

## Grassfires

If your property is bordered by or near grassland or paddocks, even on a suburban block, you are at risk from grassfire. Following these tips to help reduce the risk of grassfire:

- Create and maintain defensible space of at least three metres around your property.
- Inform your local council if public grassland, a paddock or bushland near your home poses a risk.
- Reduce the height and proximity of grass to your property by spraying herbicide and slashing, mowing, and grazing the grass.
- Create fuel breaks by removing all vegetation down to the soil.

## Christmas trees

- Locate Christmas trees a safe distance from any potential fire starting sources such as lamps or electrical sockets.
- Keep Christmas trees and decorations away from lights or candle flames.
- Source fairy lights from a reliable supplier, and do not overload electrical sockets with excessive number of lights or other electrical appliances.

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