

BUSHFIRE WHY RISK IT?

FACT SHEET

What to wear on bushfire danger days

The clothing you wear during a bushfire is important.

Even if your plan is to leave early, make sure you are protecting your skin, eyes and lungs.



Who needs protective clothing and why?



Whether you are staying to defend your home or leaving early, you need to wear appropriate clothing.



On bushfire danger days, monitor [TasALERT.com](https://www.tasalert.com). Have your protective clothing ready to put on.



You don't need any special or expensive gear for bushfire conditions. You probably already have the right items in your wardrobe.



Natural fibres, such as wool, linen or cotton (e.g. denim) are naturally fire resistant. Synthetic fibres such as polyester, nylon, rayon and acrylic can be highly flammable and are not safe to wear in bushfire conditions.

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 fire.tas.gov.au

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What to wear:

Start your preparation now so you will be ready for bushfire danger days. Having protective clothing ready will save you time when a bushfire is approaching and could save your life.

Bushfire protective clothing includes:

- Loose-fitting clothing made of natural fibres (wool, cotton, denim)
- Long-sleeved cotton shirts and full-length trousers or overalls
- Wide-brimmed hat or safety helmet
- Cotton or leather gloves
- Goggles or safety glasses
- A quality dust mask or a damp non-synthetic cloth
- Sturdy, enclosed boots or shoes.



Choose **long-sleeve shirts** and **full-length trousers** that are breathable and loose enough to let you move around easily.

Wear **cotton or leather gloves** to protect your hands in case you need to handle or move something hot.

Do not wet your clothing. Radiant heat can turn the water to steam, scalding your skin.

Pull trousers over the top of **boots**. If wearing shoes, pull socks up over trousers to cover skin. Thongs offer no protection during bushfire conditions.



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