# Bushfire smoke leads to poor air quality and the potential for a sudden emergency evacuation

### **Bushfire Asthma Checklist**

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#### A Bushfire plan

- Ensure you know what to do in the event of a bushfire
- Visit: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush- firesurvival- plan to create a bushfire plan



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#### An up- to- date written asthma action plan

- Contact your health care provider for an up- to- date written asthma action plan
- Ask if there should be any variations for heavy smoke exposure



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#### A medication plan

- · Ensure asthma medications are in date
- Have a 30 day supply in case of shortages or evacuations
- Know how to communicate your medication requirements to volunteers in the event of an evacuation



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#### Keep your medications in a central place

- In case of an emergency evacuation keep your medications together and in a central place for easy access
- Using the same pharmacist can help with continuity in the event of lost medication prescriptions



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#### Have an asthma companion

- A person who knows what medications you need, when you need them and provide a written plan for them
- Educate your companion to know when you need urgent medical care



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## Try to minimise stress during an evacuation

 Having a plan and easy access to your medications will assist to reduce the uncertainty of an emergency evacuation





