WHAT IF I ENCOUNTER A BUSHFIRE WHILE DRIVING?

Reduce speed

Protect Life, Property & Environment from the threat of Wildfire

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BUSHFIRE WHILE DRIVING?

Here are a few tips.

• Think about it – do you really need to drive through that area right now? If possible wait for the smoke to clear.

• Slow down and be aware that there could be people, vehicles or livestock on the road.

• Turn your headlights on to low beam and close windows and vents.

• Watch out for slow-moving and parked vehicles. Listen and watch out for other traffic.

• Try to reduce the distractions in your vehicle. Turn off your radio and phone.

• Be patient. Avoid passing and/or changing lanes.

• Signal turns well in advance and brake early as you approach a stop.

• Do not stop on a highway or heavily travelled road. You could become the first link in a chain-reaction collision. If you have to stop, signal, then carefully pull off the road as far as possible. Once you have stopped, make sure your hazard lights remain on.

• Follow the directions of police and firefighters if present.

If you become trapped by a fierce fire:

• Stay in your car.

• Park in an area of low or no vegetation, keep the engine running and turn on the hazard lights.

• Close the doors, windows and vents.

• Lie on the floor and cover your body with any available woollen or cotton fabric.

• Do not get out of the car or open the doors or windows until the fire front has passed.

For more information visit www.nt.gov.au/bushfires