



Get ready for summer



Don't wait till it's too late - GET READY NOW!

At some stage, all of us will be impacted by disasters such as Fire, Flood or Storm.

Preparing for disasters helps you and your family cope and make better decisions when an emergency affects you.

It only takes **five simple steps** to make sure you and your family are ready.

1 Know your risk	<p>Think about the area you live in and the types of disasters that could happen. Are you and your family at risk?</p> <p>To find out more - go to NSW Emergency Services agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Bushfire - NSW Rural Fire Service www.rfs.nsw.gov.au» Flood, Storm and Tsunami - NSW State Emergency Service www.ses.nsw.gov.au» House Fire - Fire & Rescue NSW www.fire.nsw.gov.au
2 Plan for what you will do	<p>Sit down and talk with your family and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area</p> <p>Make important decisions like when to leave, what to take, and what to do with pets and animals. Don't leave it until the last minute.</p> <p>Disasters can happen with little or no warning. How will you and your family get to a safe place? You could be separated from each other. How will you contact each other? Think about how you will protect your pets, important documents and personal mementos.</p> <p>Plan how you will escape a fire in your home and practise it with your family.</p>
3 Get your home ready	<p>Prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Trim overhanging trees and branches, and remove dead and dry vegetation from around the house» Clean out gutters and downpipes» Secure or put away loose items in your yard or balcony» Check the roof is in good repair» Do a home safety audit and check your smoke alarms are working» And make sure that your home and contents insurance is up to date.
4 Be informed	<p>Find out how to prepare and what to do if there is a disaster in your area</p> <p>The best way to keep up to date is to visit NSW Emergency Services websites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Bushfire - NSW Rural Fire Service www.rfs.nsw.gov.au» Flood, Storm and Tsunami - NSW State Emergency Service www.ses.nsw.gov.au» House Fire - Fire & Rescue NSW www.fire.nsw.gov.au
5 Look out for each other	<p>Share information with your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance.</p> <p>Talk about your plans with family, friends and neighbours before an emergency happens.</p> <p>Neighbours can help each other in many ways and can include people in your street or community.</p>