

## **FIRE Plan at MSO- Bush Fire Season 2020-2021**

During the summer months, RSAA is at threat from bush fires, both at Mt Stromlo and Siding Spring sites. The aim of this document is to outline steps that you need to know and understand in a bush fire emergency at the **Mt Stromlo Site**.

Bush Fire conditions are monitored daily at RSAA using information from ACT Bush Fire Agency <http://esa.act.gov.au/>.

### ***FIRE DANGER RATINGS***

- **VERY HIGH** - Be aware, exercise caution
- **SEVERE** - Site closed to visitors, be aware and follow advice from Chief Fire Warden
- **EXTREME** - Site Closed to visitors, follow advice from Chief Fire Warden and management
- **CATASTROPHIC**- Site is closed for all visitors and staff, tenants are evacuated to safety

### **WHAT TO DO IN A BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY**

- Call **000** immediately
- Alert Chief Fire Warden (CFW), Rafat Alam – **0431 054 401**. Or Deputy Chief (DCFW) Howard Coyle – 0416 249 797
- If instructed by CFW, find the closest red 'break glass' and break it. These are usually near exit doors.
- If time permits, collect personal items and close all windows and doors to avoid combustible material being blown around
- Congregate in the designated assembly area between Duffield and CSO Buildings
- Advise Chief Fire Warden if anyone is unaccounted for, or requires additional assistance
- Fire Wardens will conduct building sweeps and commence evacuation procedures
- Fire Wardens and staff wait for emergency services and evacuate as instructed
- If you discover a fire on a weekend, dial **000** immediately, follow their instructions. If safe, leave the site immediately!

### **If escape from the mountain is not possible**

- For staff gathered at the RSAA designated assembly area, move quickly to the AITC Integration Hall and wait for rescue by ACT Fire Brigade.
- For tenants of Cottage 2-3, if safe to do so, make your way to AITC Integration Hall and wait for rescue by ACT Fire Brigade.
- Café/Visitor Centre- Fire wardens will direct visitors to the AITC Integration Hall to join RSAA personnel.
- ASAP advise emergency services how many people are in refuge areas.

For further detailed information please visit the RSAA Intranet

<https://www.mso.anu.edu.au/site/fire/index.php>

**Chief Fire Warden: Rafat Alam – 0431 054 401**

**Deputy Chief Fire Warden: Howard Coyle – 0416 249 797**

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