

IF A DISASTER STRUCK WOULD YOU BE READY TO EVACUATE?

Your guide to **PLANNING**
and preparing for **EVACUATION**
in the Scenic Rim Region



**DISASTER
DASHBOARD**

ARE YOU DISASTER READY?

The Scenic Rim's beautiful mountainous region is perfect for watching a storm roll in on a hot afternoon from the safety of home. However, it is important to remember the impact that extreme weather conditions can have on our community. The Scenic Rim has the potential to be impacted by severe storms, flash flooding and bushfires, so it is important to be prepared.



While we cannot eliminate these natural hazards, we can take the necessary steps to ensure we are prepared for a potential disaster requiring the need to evacuate.

This pamphlet has been developed by Scenic Rim Regional Council to assist the community in understanding their responsibilities in the event that a potential emergency or disaster within our beautiful region requires an evacuation.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Disaster resilience is a responsibility shared by individuals, households, businesses and communities, as well as governments, and is not solely the responsibility of emergency services.



Communities, individuals and households need to take greater responsibility for their own safety and to act on advice provided.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE



Embracing a shared responsibility approach includes:



Undertaking your own individual and household preparedness measures.



Recognising the formal roles of emergency services.

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND KNOW YOUR RISK

Understand the specific risks that may affect your local area, home or property is important. Do you know the potential risk for bushfires around your home or whether your area may flood?



HAVE A HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN



BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT



BUILD AN EVACUATION KIT



PLAN FOR EVACUATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOUSEHOLD HEAD TO [GETREADYQLD.GOV.AU](https://www.getreadyqld.gov.au)



HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR PETS AND LIVESTOCK

During an evacuation you are responsible for your pets and livestock at all times the same as any other member of the family.

You are strongly encouraged to include plans for transportation and shelter of your animals as part of your Household Emergency and Evacuation Plan.



Not all evacuation centres are equipped to accommodate pets, with the exception of assistance animals.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS FOR EVACUATION

There are several locations when an evacuation is required. These locations will be announced by emergency services when appropriate.



SHELTER IN PLACE

Stay home if it is safe to do so and you have enough supplies to remain self-sufficient for three days

! THIS IS NOT AN OPTION FOR DIRECTED/MANDATORY EVACUATION

Stay with friends or family outside the area

Stay in commercial accommodation outside the area



ASSEMBLY POINTS

These are designated locations for people to gather before their coordinated movement to a safer location.

PLACE OF REFUGE

This is a building where people may take shelter, offering basic essentials including short-term accommodation to evacuees.

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EVACUATION CENTRE

LAST RESORT OPTION - this is a building where people may take shelter, offering basic essentials including day accommodation to evacuees.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE (NSP)

ABSOLUTE LAST RESORT OPTION - a local open space or building where people may gather, as a last resort, to seek shelter from a **BUSHFIRE**.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SHELTERING OPTIONS HEAD TO SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL WEBSITE AND REVIEW THE SCENIC RIM SHELTER MANAGEMENT SUB PLAN.

WHAT IS AN EVACUATION?

An evacuation involves the planned and coordinated movement of people from an unsafe or potentially unsafe location to a safer area, and their eventual return home.

There are **THREE TYPES OF EVACUATIONS** and understanding the difference could not only reduce the stress and uncertainty of an evacuation but also save your life.

1 SELF-EVACUATION

Self-evacuation is the independent movement of individuals, families and communities to safer location prior to, or in the absence of, official warnings from authorities to evacuate. Self-evacuees manage their own withdrawal from a potentially unsafe area, including their own transport arrangements.

2 VOLUNTARY/RECOMMENDED EVACUATION

Voluntary or recommended evacuation takes place when an evacuation warning has been issued by authorities, stating the evacuation is voluntary or recommended. Although there is the option to remain and shelter in place, it is **HIGHLY** recommended that households with elderly members and children, and those with reduced physical/mental capacity or pets and livestock, evacuate to ensure their safety.

3 DIRECTED/MANDATORY EVACUATION

A directed or mandatory evacuation is the **COMPULSORY** relocation of 'at risk' individuals from harm and is enforceable by **LAW**.

 Shelter in place is **NO LONGER** an option when an evacuation is directed or mandatory.



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RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY INFORMED

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AND RADIO STATIONS**

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