

# HEATWAVE

This fact sheet contains information on suggested actions to perform before, during and after a heatwave. It also contains information about warnings, emergency contacts and general information to consider when writing your emergency management plan.

## Heatwave Warnings

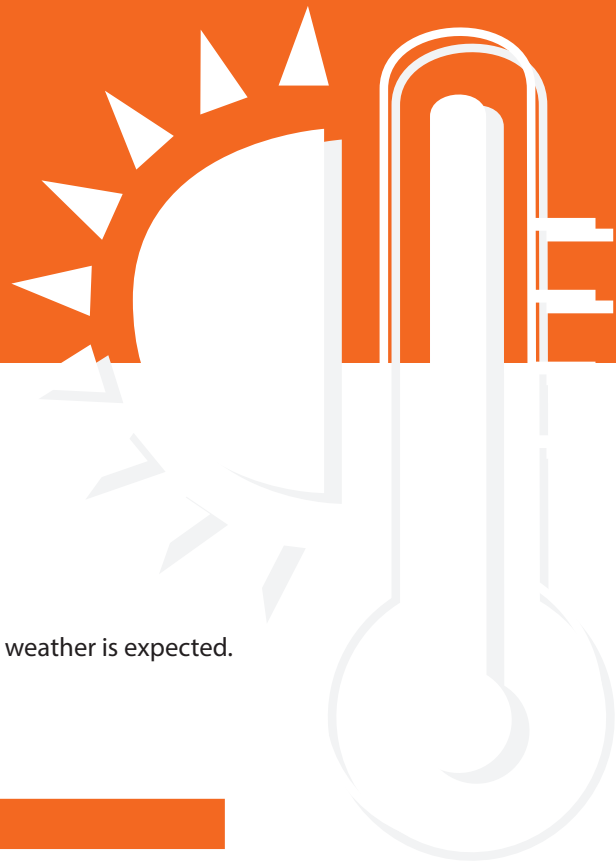
Local radio stations and weather reports will indicate when a long stretch of hot weather is expected.

## Emergency contacts

Contact	Number
Life-threatening emergency (police, fire, ambulance)	000 (Triple Zero)
Department of Human Services	1300 650 172
Local medical centre or doctor	local contact
Country Fire Authority (CFA)	contact local office

## Important information about heatwaves

Heatwaves are one of the most deadly natural hazards in modern Australian history. Be aware of high risk groups such as elderly visitors or young children as well as people who have been very physically active. Bushfires can also start during a heatwave so make sure you have your bushfire action plan ready.



# Action plan for heatwaves

Please note: these actions are general suggestions only, you will need to think of details and triggers that are specific to your park.

## Suggested actions to take before a heatwave

- Check air conditioning is in good working order.
- Stock up on water.

## Suggested actions to take during a heatwave

- If necessary, recommend occupants move to a cooler location with air conditioning e.g. local shops, mall or theatre.
- If there is a life-threatening emergency call 000 (Triple Zero) for the ambulance service.
- Keep a supply of cool water readily available.
- Check on occupants to ensure their health and safety. This is particularly important with older guests or residents.
- Postpone or cancel outdoor activities.
- Install temporary reflectors in windows to reflect heat back outside.
- Conserve any electricity not required for cooling e.g. computers.

## Encourage occupants to:

- Drink water, even if they do not feel thirsty.
- Stay out of the sunshine.
- Take particular care of their children and older relatives.

## Suggested actions to take after a heatwave

- Check on occupants to ensure their health and safety.
- Have an electrician check the air conditioning equipment for faults or problems in case it needs to be used again soon.

