



# Ideas for using *The Fire Game* in a range of ways and settings

## BE AWARE. BE PREPARED. GET CONNECTED.

The Fire Game is suitable for children aged nine years and over, playing with adults, but this game isn't just for kids!

Surf Coast Shire Council encourages wide use of *The Fire Game* to help our communities to be informed and prepared for the risk of fire.

Some suggestions:

Play at home



- Use it to get your family thinking about your household fire plan or as a reminder leading into each summer.
- Play with visitors who come to stay (especially in the summer months) to help them understand local fire risk.
- Encourage children to play the game with their friends.
- Invite your neighbours over to play the game, or share the game in your street.

Play at work

Use the game to start conversations about your organisation/business/site/school's fire plans, preparations and fire risk, and to familiarise everyone with key information, for example:

- Play the game with your colleagues, e.g. at staff meetings or in the lunch room.
- Choose a couple of question cards at random to discuss at meetings in the lead up and during the Fire Danger Period.
- Lend the game to staff to play with their families when not being used otherwise.



For example, fire brigades, Men's Sheds, Senior Citizens groups, community gardens, environment groups, sporting groups, Scout and Guide groups, church groups.

- Play the game during meetings as a reminder of local fire risks, information sources and your group's fire plans.
- Create an event to bring members together to play the game.
- Invite people to play the game on stalls your group holds during community events.
- Fire brigades and Community Fireguard Groups can use it as an educational tool in their communities.
- Use the cards in a trivia format.
- Lend the game to group members (and potentially the general public) when not being used otherwise.





## Play in schools



- Play the game in a staff or team meeting as a reminder of local fire information.
- Link the game to primary or secondary school curriculum, i.e. from Grade 4 to VCE, to contribute to students' learning outcomes.
- Use the game as a model for students to create similar games of their own on emergency management or environmental topics.
- Invite parents in to play the game with their children.
- Encourage families to borrow the game when it's not being used by the school (e.g. lend it out through the library).

## Play with parent groups



- Set up *The Fire Game* and invite parents of the school, childcare, daycare, kindergarten, etc to have a game after dropping off or before picking up their children.

## Young players

Children aged around nine years of age are likely to need an adult playing with them, to help with reading and comprehending some questions. See the note in 'Game details' on the 'How to Play' card included with the game for modifications for younger players.

## Game duration

Depending on the number of players, the game may take up to an hour to play, but there is also a short play option. See 'How to Play' included with the game for more details.

## Where to get additional copies of *The Fire Game*:

Borrow them from Surf Coast Shire libraries, Community Houses and some Visitor Information Centres and community groups – see a list on Council's website: [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au).

Some additional copies may be available from Surf Coast Shire Council.

Support materials are available from Council to use for promoting the availability of *The Fire Game* at your venue.

For enquiries about *The Fire Game*, contact Council's Resilient Communities Officer:

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