



WA Bridgetown-Greenbushes Community Safety Information



*Think safe, act safe
and enjoy our beautiful Shire*



Shire of
Bridgetown-Greenbushes
.... simply beautiful

Welcome to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

This information booklet has been compiled by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Emergency Management Committee to provide emergency information to residents and visitors of the Shire.

As a resident or visitor you need to be very mindful of emergencies that may occur, as the Shire is very prone to major bushfires and severe storms. You need to be aware of your situation at all times and where you can source emergency information because mobile telephone coverage is not reliable in all areas of the Shire.

You are in an area of Western Australia where our emergency services are provided by volunteers.

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Western Australia Police

For all emergencies dial 000

Bridgetown Police are responsible for policing the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

For incidents requiring Police Attendance call **131 444** and follow the prompts. If you are reporting lost or stolen property, or a minor traffic crash not involving serious injury, alcohol and property owners are present, go online to **www.police.wa.gov.au**

Police Clearances and Firearms Licences can be obtained via the Bridgetown Post Office. Drivers and Vehicle Licensing enquiries can be made to the Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire offices.

The Shire has an abundance of wilderness areas and associated pursuits. If you are participating in these activities, ensure friends or family are aware of your destination, route, expected time of return, and do not deviate from your plan.

Road conditions can vary depending on the environment. Fallen trees, livestock, native animals, smoke, fog and regular speed zone changes are frequently encountered on our roads. Be alert when travelling in the area, and take regular breaks.



St John Ambulance

For all emergencies dial 000

For non-emergency ambulance
transport dial 131 233

DRSABCD Action Plan

DANGER – To you, others and casualty.

RESPONSE – Is the person responsive?

SEND – Send someone for help. Call Triple Zero (000).

AIRWAY – Is the airway clear and open? Clear mouth and tilt head back.

BREATHING – Look, listen and feel for breathing for up to 10 seconds. If not breathing commence CPR. If breathing normally place in the recovery position.

CPR – 30:2 Try to change rescuer every 2 minutes.

DEFIBRILLATION – Attach an AED as soon as possible and follow voice prompts.



Department of
Parks and Wildlife



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- For information on visiting our parks and reserves please visit the department's website www.dpaw.wa.gov.au
- If you find a sick or injured native animal please call WILDCARE on **(08) 9474 9055**
- Campfires may be permitted at some designated camping areas within National Parks and State Forests. Please check to ensure there are no fire bans in place.
- If you are going bush walking let someone know where you are going, your route and when you are due to return. Remember to take plenty of water as there are limited hydration points.



State Emergency Service

If your home has been badly damaged and you need help, call the SES on **132 500**. SES volunteers will attend on a priority basis.

- The risks of storm include falling roof material, trees, branches, power lines, destructive winds, heavy rain, flooding and hail.
- When a storm is forecast, secure or remove loose material and rubbish from around your home or work.
- During a storm, find shelter away from trees, power lines, stormwater drains, waterways and the ocean.
- If driving in heavy rain, take extra care on the roads or pull over until conditions ease.
- After a storm, stay away from power lines and flooded areas, assess your home, car and property for damage and make temporary repairs to your home if it is safe to do so.
- SES volunteers assist the community by making temporary repairs to homes and businesses, as well as clearing fallen trees, rescuing trapped or injured people, sandbagging areas in danger of flooding and relocating people. It is your responsibility to organise permanent repairs.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

For all emergencies dial 000

In the event of a bushfire:

- Be alert and watch for signs of fire
- Close all doors and windows
- Keep up to date. Listen to updates on ABC radio, visit **www.dfes.wa.gov.au**, call **13 DFES** (13 3337), follow DFES on Twitter **@dfes_wa** or listen to news bulletins
- Prepare your Emergency Kit
- Have your Bushfire Survival Plan ready. Plans can be found in the *Prepare Act Survive* booklet. Visit **www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire**

Driving:

- Be extremely careful when driving through areas affected by bushfire – there could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road
- If you cannot see clearly, pull over, keep your headlights and hazard lights on, and wait until the smoke clears.
- Watch for emergency personnel and follow their directions
- Obey all road closure signs
- Ensure your vehicle remains fully fuelled, batteries well charged and ready to leave.

Bushfire Warnings

ALERT LEVEL	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
Emergency Warning	You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive as you will be impacted by fire.
Watch and Act	A fire is approaching and conditions are changing. You need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.
Advice	A fire has started but there is no immediate danger. This is general information to keep you informed and up to date with developments.
All Clear	The danger has passed and the fire is under control, but you need to remain vigilant in case the situation changes. It may still not be safe to return home.

ABC Local Radio Broadcasts on 1044 AM

*** Bushfire Emergency Warnings are broadcast at quarter to and quarter past the hour ***



Total Fire Ban

Information Line: 1800 709 355

During a total fire ban it is illegal to light a fire in the open air or undertake any other activities that may start a fire. To find out if a ban has been declared visit **www.dfes.wa.gov.au** or ring **13 DFES (13 3337)**.

Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods

Restricted and prohibited burning periods apply in this Shire. Resident and visitors need to comply with conditions during these periods. For more information go to **www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au**

Fire Safety in the Home

Tips to protect your property from fire

- Install mains powered smoke alarms
- Develop and practice an Escape Plan with household members
- Clean chimney and flues regularly from built-up ash and soot
- Be alert when cooking and never leave food unattended
- Never leave children unattended with candles, matches and lighters.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Fire, Ambulance, Police (for life threatening emergencies)	000
State Emergency Service	132 500
Police Attendance	131 444
Main Roads	138 138
Health Direct	1800 022 222
Bridgetown Medical Centre	9761 1222
Bridgetown District Hospital	9782 1222
Western Power	131 351
Water Corporation	131 375
Fire and Emergency Services Information Line	13 DFES (13 3337)
Bureau of Meteorology Information Line	1300 659 213
National Relay Service	1800 555 677
Bridgetown Community Resource Centre	9761 2712
Greenbushes Community Resource Centre	9764 3575
Shire of Bridgetown–Greenbushes	9761 1555
Visitor Information Centre	9761 1740