Bushfire can start at any time, but most fires begin in the afternoon.

If you need to leave, your best options are to leave early in the morning or the night before.

This video explains how to leave early to avoid the risk from bushfire.

If you decide to leave the day before a high-risk day, there are a few things to need to do.

Position your car facing out of your driveway so you can exit easily.

Pack your car with necessary items so it is ready, including your emergency kit, computer, clothing and overnight bag.

Tell your neighbours you are leaving.

Close and lock all your windows and doors.

Turn your gas and electricity off at the mains.

Relocate your livestock to a safer place.

Ensure your pets are ready in your car.

Leave via the safest exit route you have detailed on your map.

While you are driving, it is important to stay informed about your local conditions.

You need to know if the wind changes direction suddenly, bringing a fire into your path, or if you are at risk from an ember attack as you drive. Your passenger can help you stay informed about the local conditions using the FireReady app. If you are driving alone, pull over to check for updates about your local conditions. Change your route if necessary.

If there is a bushfire in your area, the CFA will announce Warnings and Advice.

There are three levels of Warnings, all of which will be broadcast on the FireReady app, and also on the Emergency Management Victoria website.

I will explain the three levels of Warnings and Advice.

The first level is Advice.

This warning means there is a fire in your area.

You need watch for information updates via television, internet or smart phone.

You need to monitor your local weather conditions.

The second level is Watch and Act.

This means a fire is approaching your area.

Weather conditions are changing quickly, affecting the strength and direction of the fire.

You need to take immediate action to protect yourself and your family.

The third level is Emergency Warning.

This means your life is in imminent danger.

You will be impacted by the fire.

You need to take action immediately.

These are the three levels of CFA Warnings and Advice.

Watch and Act and Emergency Warnings are serious; you do not want to be around for them.

It is important that you monitor conditions, identify your trigger to leave, and leave early. If you live with children under 16 years or people with a disability, it is a good idea to leave even earlier to make sure you can get somewhere safe.

Bushfires are extremely dangerous.

If you are on the road during a bushfire, you may be driving through extreme fire conditions,

including falling trees, ember attacks and thick smoke.

What are your options if you are stuck at home or on the road during a bushfire?

The next video explains your options in these circumstances.