Alpine Shire Council

Fires can Occur During Summer and Winter

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You can prevent domestic fires by:
- Never leave cooking, heaters, open fires or candles unattended
- Don’t overheat power boards
- Keep electrical appliances in good working order
- Ensure cigarette ash and butts are extinguished. Never throw them in the bin.
- Do not dry clothing less than one metre from heaters
- Clean lint filters on clothes dryers after every use and keep electrical systems working properly.
- Store all matches and lighters out of reach of children. By law every home must have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of the house. Clean and test your alarms regularly and make sure they are working.
- Install a fire extinguisher and fire blanket and know how to use them.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it regularly.
- Never deadbolt yourself inside the house. Keep keys in the lock when you are at home.

Are you preparing for the Summer Season?

- Have you cleaned up all rubbish around your buildings?
- Have you checked your firefighting equipment to make sure it is in working order?
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- Have you cleaned your gutters since autumn?
- Have you got a fire plan for bushfire?
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Copies of the packs “Preparing for an Emergency” can be obtained from the Alpine Shire Council Offices, Shire libraries or by contacting Jan Mock, ph 03 5755 0575 or email janm@alpineshire.vic.gov.au

TODAY WE ARE GOING TO PRACTICE OUR FIRE PLAN

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