ARE YOU PREPARED?
Typically, in September and October Alpine Shire experiences significant rainfall. Are you prepared for this?
Alpine Shire does experience bushfires. Have you prepared yourself for this?
Planning involves protecting your assets and your people.

EMERGENCY PLANS
Taking the time to think about emergencies and making a plan helps you to think clearly, have a greater sense of control, and make better decisions when an emergency occurs.
Creating an Emergency Plan takes very little time and may help save your life or property during an emergency.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN CREATING YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN:
• Who should I include in my plan? Consider all members of your household including pets, regular visitors and people who may stay with you part-time.
• What emergencies could affect me? Think about where your property is located and the way it looks. Think broadly about the kinds of emergencies that could impact you. Don’t fall into the trap of focusing on one emergency at the expense of others.
• Where will I go if I need to evacuate? Make sure that you and your family all understand when and how you will go and where you will go. Think about the safest routes, and what you will need to take with you if you go.
• Where will I find emergency information and warnings? Know where to go for official emergency information. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers and website addresses handy, and know how to tune in to your local emergency broadcaster.
• Where will I meet my family if we are separated? Determine a safe meeting place in case you are separated, and make sure your family members, friends and neighbours are aware of the location.
• What if I have special needs? If you have special needs, you need to think carefully about your plan.
  • Whether you will need help to leave your home
  • Having a pre-arranged safer place to stay
  • Whether you need to take any special equipment with you
  • Whether you will need an alternative power source to run life-support equipment
Even if you only need help from a neighbour, talking about it now will ease your mind and ensure everything is in place before an emergency occurs.
Red Cross Australia has excellent emergency planning advice for people with a disability and their carers.

Useful websites are:
• www.ses.vic.gov.au
• www.cfa.vic.gov.au

“WHAT WILL I DO IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT AND I AM AT SCHOOL?”
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