

What protective clothing should I wear when I burn the bush?

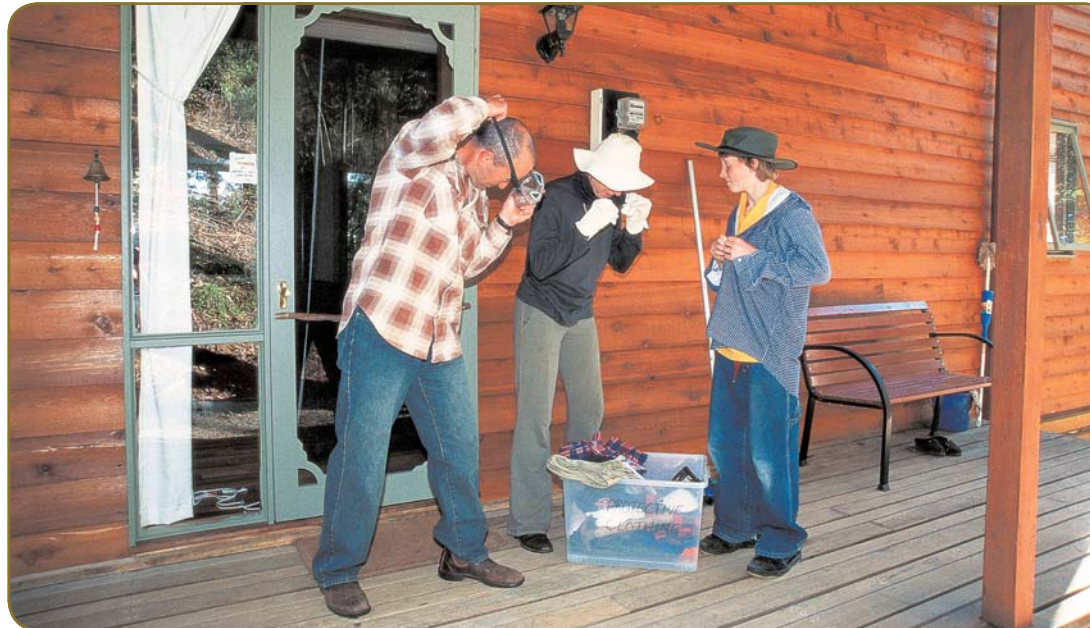
Key Points

- Protect skin from heat and flames.
- Wear suitable clothing made from natural fibres and materials.
- Prevent heat illness by not working during the hottest part of the day.
- Drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated. Wear clothes in adjustable layers to prevent overheating.
- Rest and work in the shade when possible.
- Radiant heat is the heat we feel from a fire and can be strong enough to injure people, pets and plants.
- Avoid ticks by tucking your shirt into your trousers and your trousers into your socks.

Definitions

- **Available fuel** is the portion of the total fuel that would actually burn under various environmental conditions.

When burning the bush to reduce the available fuel around your home, you need to wear the correct clothing to protect yourself from the flames, radiant heat, embers and smoke of the fire.



Above: Cover as much skin as possible with loose fitting clothing.

✔ What to wear checklist

Natural fibres and materials	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long-sleeved, collared, cotton or wool shirts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long cotton or wool trousers, jeans or overalls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sturdy leather shoes or boots	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cotton or wool socks	<input type="checkbox"/>
A wide-brimmed cotton hat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thick leather or cotton gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety goggles or safety glasses	<input type="checkbox"/>

⊘ Do not wear

- Synthetic fibres and materials.
- Short sleeved shirts.
- Shorts.
- Dresses or skirts.
- Open footwear.
- Stockings or synthetic socks.

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