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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES - PLACES OF LAST RESORT

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*Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSPs) are **places of last resort** when all other bushfire plans have failed.*

*They are designated community areas that **may** provide some protection from radiant heat, which is the biggest killer during bushfire.*

*They are not inherently safe places during a bushfire.*

*Going to a Neighbourhood Safer Place won't guarantee your safety - the safest option is to leave early.*

## What they are?

They are public spaces or buildings such as:

recreational reserves  
streets  
car parks  
shopping strips.

NSPs are not purpose-built, fire proof structures. There are no facilities or resources for people who take shelter at an NSP. In some localities they are an open paddock. Not all towns have a NSP.

You can identify designated NSPs by the green and white sign with the words 'Bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place - A Place of Last Resort'.

## The locations in this Municipality with a Neighbourhood Safer Place are:

**Edenhope**      Lake Wallace Reserve      Corner Lake Street and Amos Street Edenhope 3318.

More details are located on the CFA website, under the FIRE SAFETY tab.

## Where should people go if there is no NSP in their area?

- If your Bushfire Survival Plan has failed and fire is approaching, look for an open area that is as far from vegetation as possible, or a solid structure that will provide shelter from radiant heat. Such places are truly a last resort, to be considered only when all other plans have failed.
- People should not rely on sheltering at an NSP. The CFA advises that in the event of a fire, the safest option is to leave early. The safest place to be is out of a high bushfire risk area.

Your key sources of information during an emergency are -

- Visit the Bureau of Meteorology Australia website when warnings and alerts are released ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)).
- Listen to your emergency broadcasters: ABC Local Radio, commercial radio and designated community radio stations or SKY NEWS Television. (Visit [www.oesc.vic.gov.au](http://www.oesc.vic.gov.au) on the internet for a full list of emergency broadcasters)
- For bushfires - Ring the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 (visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) and look under FIRE SAFETY tab).