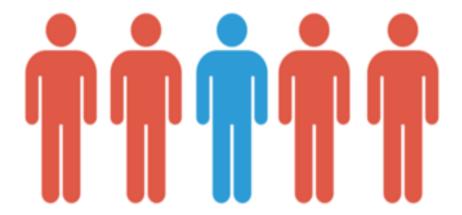


Reducing bushfire risk to vulnerable community members through Health and Community Service agencies

A business continuity approach

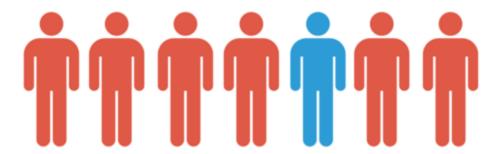
Australian Statistics - Disability

One in five people are living with a disability (18.3%)



Source: 2015 ABS Data

Australian Statistics - Age



One in seven people are aged 65 years and over (15.1%)

- Majority of those live in households (94.8%)
- In 2015, 50.7% of older people were living with disability

Source: 2015 ABS Data

What impact do bushfires have?



Victorian Bushfires 2009

- 173 people died
- 16% aged 70 or over
- 28% aged between 55 69

At-Risk Program and its Challenges



Face to face workshop



Online training module

Industry Challenges

- Introduction of Consumer Direct Care
 State Commonwealth funding (NDIS)
- Limited funding to cover attending staff
- Time poor service providers
- Training raises more questions than answers
- Not everything is relevant

Business Continuity Framework

Industry Partnerships

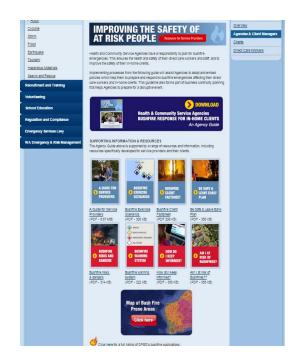
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Bushfire Risk Awareness

At Risk Managers and Carers Education and Preparedness

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THE RISK TO EMPLOYEES

ssess the risk to their employees who provide in-home care to clients in bushfire risk areas. The ed in a client's OSH assessment for Direct Care Workers (and other applicable staff) to access.

bushfire risk to Direct Care Workers, Client Managers must ensure their Direct Care Workers are lerstand their role in the event of a bushfire, and are fully equipped for appropriate response.

range of resources to support agencies to educate their Client Managers t Care Workers. These resources have been designed to be embedded workplace induction or staff development and training programs.



7 RESPONSE TESTING

quate preparations are done by Agencies for a bushfire emergency affecting their clients, the response to be put to the test.

KTOP REVIEW

p review is usually the first test an Agency should do. It involves examining and reviewing all emergency management policies and documents to ensure:

cuments are complete

ords and registers (in particular contact databases) are current

rces identified are serviceable and available

ponsible people have been trained in their role and are prepared to assist

KTOP SIMULATION

imutation involves a discussion based table top exercise to discuss roles and responsibilities against the fire scenario affecting an in-home client and the Direct Care Worker providing care to them. It reviews and procedures that would be used in a real bushfire emergency and will detect issues that may exist, action will help Agencies to determine whether workers understand their roles, and will identify areas werened to further training for better response outcome.

developed bushfire emergency scenarios for Agencies to use. These resources and

TIFICATION AND CALL OUT COMMUNICATION TEST

that contacts are accurate and current

e names, phone numbers

also provide real time results of how quickly people can start the response activities.

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Thank you!

Questions?