

# BUSH FIRE BUILDING IMPACT ASSESSMENT HAZARD IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Health and safety hazards may be present on properties that have been affected by bush fires. Exposure to these hazards may result or injury and illness and

The NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW and Public Works Advisory and Environmental Protection Agency undertake an initial assessment of properties to identify hazards that you need to be aware of and take action to avoid.

This fact sheet contains information about what to do if a potential hazard has been identified on your property.

## Hazard Identification Notice Signs

After an assessment is completed you may see a Hazard Identification Notice displayed at your property. This sign lets you know what potential hazards have been identified during an assessment.

## Potential Hazards Identified on your Property

The Notice will indicate which of these hazards have been identified on your property in the check box.

For further information on the hazards identified please contact Public Works Advisory on **1800 885 539**.

## What if suspected asbestos is identified?

If the suspected asbestos box has been ticked on the Hazard Identification Notice at your property, it is recommended you do not enter the property.

If your home or your neighbour's home was constructed before 1987, then asbestos materials (e.g. fibro) may be present.

If *Suspected Asbestos (sample taken)* is ticked contact Public Works Advisory on **1800 885 539** to receive the results of the asbestos testing.

For information about the safe handling and removal of asbestos, visit [safework.nsw.gov.au](http://safework.nsw.gov.au).

For information about transport and disposal of hazardous materials, visit [epa.nsw.gov.au](http://epa.nsw.gov.au).

## What happens next?

If you are insured talk to your insurance company as soon as possible about how to make a claim.

NSW Government Disaster Relief Grants are available for eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household contents have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster. Contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on **1800 018 444**

