

EPA Media Release



Further low level bushfire smoke advisory

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EPA Victoria forecasts low level smoke for the Melbourne, Geelong, Gippsland, North Central and Northern Country Victoria today as a result of bushfires.

A low level alert means that it is likely residents will see ongoing smoke impacts today, with visibility reduced to between 10 – 20 kilometres due to high particle concentrations in the air.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer Dr Rosemary Lester advises the elderly, children and those with existing heart or lung conditions to limit prolonged or heavy physical activity.

“Where possible this sector of the community should also limit the time spent outdoors,” Dr Lester said.

“Anyone with a heart or lung condition should take their medication as prescribed by their doctor.

“People with asthma should follow their asthma management plan.

“Everyone should keep informed about fire activity in their immediate area. Anyone with concerns about their health should seek medical advice or call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.”

Check EPA’s air quality report at www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/monitoring-the-environment/air-quality-bulletins

For further information about bushfire smoke and health go to www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/bushfires/

For fire information go to the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667 or visit the Country Fire Authority Victoria website at www.emergency.vic.gov.au

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