

What I Need to Know

- Apart from fire itself, smoke, radiant heat, physical stress and fatigue are some of the major hazards faced by emergency personnel working at a wildfire. In addition to these, there are a number of other hazards which may put volunteers at risk while undertaking brigade activities. Consequently, brigades need to ensure that adequate first aid capacity is available to provide initial action in the event of an injury occurring.
- It is recommended that a minimum of two brigade members are trained and have current competencies in Senior First Aid; that is, be a holder of a current first aid certificate. The Queensland Ambulance Service is very supportive of rural volunteers, providing discounts to brigade members and if the training course is held during normal working hours charging only for the cost of materials.

How I do it

- For information regarding access to Senior First Aid training, contact your Area Training and Support Officer (ATSO) at the Area Office.

Reference Materials

- Area Reference Manual - Business Rule: C1.1.2 Ensure Area Training Needs Identified and a Training Plan Developed/Implemented