



AWU Work Health and Safety Alert

SMOKEHAZE

Bushfire smoke contains a mixture of gases and very fine particles that can be hazardous to health.

Those most at risk are outdoor workers.

A combination of soaring temperatures and bushfire smoke could lead to severe illnesses, especially in people with heart and lung conditions.

The steps needed to minimise exposure include:

- locating work inside, in enclosed structures or vehicles
- changing the place of work to where smoke levels are lower
- increasing frequency and length of rest times and
- reducing the physical intensity of work to help lower breathing and heart rates.

Contact your AWU Organiser immediately if you have any questions or require assistance.

