National Survey Template for Community Preparedness for Emergencies (Phase 1)

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| State or Territory of usual residence| Labour Force Survey           | 1. New South Wales  
2. Victoria  
3. Queensland  
4. South Australia  
5. Western Australia  
6. Tasmania  
7. Northern Territory  
8. Australian Capital Territory  
9. Other Territories |
| Region of usual residence            | Labour Force Survey           | 1. Capital city  
2. Balance of state |
| Dissemination region                 | Labour Force Survey           | Standard Labour Force Dissemination Regions |
| Household type                       | Labour Force Survey           | 1. Husband/wife - No other usual residents  
2. Husband/wife - Children aged 0-14 and 15 years and over  
3. Husband/wife - Children aged 0-14 years  
4. Husband/wife - Children aged 15 years and over  
5. Lone parent - Children aged 0-14 and 15 years and over  
6. Lone parent - Children aged 0-14 years  
7. Lone parent - Children aged 15 years and over  
8. Person living alone  
9. All other households  
10. Not coded for household |
| Household composition                | Labour Force Survey           | 1. One family household  
1. With only family members present  
2. With non-family members present  
2. Two family household  
1. With only family members present  
2. With non-family members present  
3. Three or more family household  
1. With only family members present  
2. With non-family members present  
4. Non-family household  
1. Lone person household  
2. Group household  
5. Not classifiable |
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| Number of usual residents | Labour Force Survey | 1. None  
2. One  
3. Two  
4. Three  
5. Four  
6. Five  
7. Six  
8. Seven  
9. Eight  
10. Nine  
11. Ten  
12. Eleven  
13. Twelve  
14. Thirteen  
15. Fourteen  
16. Fifteen or more |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of usual residents aged 55 years and over in the household | Derived for NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. None  
2. One  
3. Two  
4. Three  
5. Four  
6. Five  
7. Six  
8. Seven  
9. Eight  
10. Nine  
11. Ten  
12. Eleven  
13. Twelve  
14. Thirteen  
15. Fourteen  
16. Fifteen or more |
| Number of children aged 0 to 14 in the household | Derived for NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 (NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07) | 1. None  
2. One  
3. Two or more |
| Whether the household contained anyone aged 60 years or over | Derived for WA SS'07 | 1. At least one person aged 60 years or over  
2. No persons aged 60 years or over |
| Whether the household contained anyone aged 75 years or over | Derived for WA SS'07 | 1. At least one person aged 75 years or over  
2. No persons aged 75 years or over |
| Age of household members | Derived for WA SS'07 | Age in years |
| Age of responsible household member | Derived for WA SS'07 | Age in years |
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| Dwelling type                                     | WA SS'07                        | 1. Not applicable  
NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07                                                                                                                      |
|                                                   |                                 | 2. Separate house  
3. Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc.  
4. Flat, unit or apartment  
5. Other dwelling                                                                                                                   |
| Tenure type                                       | WA SS'07                        | 1. Not applicable  
NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07                                                                                                                      |
|                                                   |                                 | 2. Owner without a mortgage  
3. Owner with a mortgage  
4. Renter  
5. Other  
6. Not known                                                                                                                            |
| Landlord type                                     | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07           | 1. Not applicable  
2. Real estate agent  
3. Public/community/co-operative housing  
4. Person not in same household  
5. Other  
6. Not stated  
7. Don't know                                                                                                                            |
| Length of time respondent has lived at current address | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07           | 1. Not applicable  
2. 1 month  
3. 2 months  
4. 3 months  
5. 4 months  
6. 5 months  
7. 6 months  
8. 7 months  
9. 8 months  
10. 9 months  
11. 10 months  
12. 11 months  
13. 12 months  
14. 13 months  
15. 14 months  
16. 15 months  
17. 16 months  
18. 17 months  
19. 18 months  
20. 19 months  
21. 20 months  
22. 21 months  
23. 22 months  
24. 23 months  
25. 2 years or more                                                                                                                        |
| Whether anyone in the household does not understand English | WA SS'07                        | 1. Yes  
2. No                                                                                                                                       |
| Whether anyone in the household does not speak English | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07           | 1. Not applicable  
2. At least one household member does not speak English  
3. All household members speak English                                                                                                    |
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| Whether all non-English speakers in the household would understand emergency instructions | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07     | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No |
| Whether consider home to be in an area subject to bushfires                   | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07     | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether home could be affected by flooding from a natural watercourse         | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07     | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |

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| Whether household has an emergency plan                                        | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07          | 1. Not applicable  
2. Emergency plan, written or rehearsed  
3. Emergency plan, not written or rehearsed  
4. No emergency plan |
| Type(s) of emergency covered by the emergency plan(s)                          | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07          | 1. Storm  
2. House fire  
3. Bushfire  
4. Flood  
5. Other emergency  
6. No emergency plan |
| Number of emergencies covered by the emergency plan(s)                          | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07          | 1. Storm only  
2. House fire only  
3. Bushfire only  
4. Flood only  
5. Other emergency only  
6. Emergency plan(s) cover more than one type of emergency  
7. No emergency plan |
| Whether the emergency plan(s) are written down                                  | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07          | 1. No emergency plan  
2. One or more written emergency plans  
3. All emergency plans are unwritten |
| Whether household rehearsed the emergency plan(s) in the last 12 months         | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07          | 1. No emergency plan  
2. One or more rehearsed emergency plans  
3. All emergency plans are unrehearsed |
| Whether household has agreed place to meet if evacuated or unable to return home | WA SS'07                      | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether household member(s) have plans for how to get out of the dwelling if there was an emergency | WA SS'07                      | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether anyone in the household would need help getting out of home in an emergency | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07, WA SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No |
| Reason help would be required                                                   | WA SS'07                      | 1. Young children or babies needing help  
2. A mobility impairment  
3. A visual impairment  
4. An intellectual disability  
5. Another type of impairment |
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| Whether anyone in household would need transport assistance to leave area in an emergency | WA SS'07       | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether household has anyone to stay with if you had to leave your home | WA SS'07       | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether household has pets that would need evacuating in an emergency  | WA SS'07       | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Any other reasons why household members wouldn’t want to leave dwelling | WA SS'07       | 1. No reasons  
2. Looters, security or vandalism  
3. In a bushfire would choose to stay & protect home  
4. Other |
| Whether anyone in the household cares for any non-household members (excluding paid care) | WA SS'07       | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether portable first aid kit kept inside the home                     | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether anyone in the household has a first aid qualification           | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07  | WA SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether the first aid qualification was obtained or renewed in the last 3 years | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether emergency phone numbers located for ease of use                 | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Located for ease of use  
3. Not located for ease of use  
4. Location not known |
| Location of emergency phone numbers                                      | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Displayed near the phone  
2. On the fridge  
3. Written in a phone/address book  
4. Programmed into a phone  
5. Other visible location (e.g. door, wall)  
6. Other location not visible (e.g. memorised, carried on person)  
7. Other location, not adequately described  
8. Not located for ease of use (e.g. not displayed/stored separately)  
9. Location not known  
10. Not applicable |
| Whether anyone in the household has a role that may require them to assist in an emergency | WA SS'07       | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether role which requires household member to assist in an emergency is paid | WA SS'07       | 1. Volunteer  
2. Paid employment |
| Whether anyone in the household currently volunteers for an emergency, safety or rescue organisation | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
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| Emergency, safety or rescue organisation for which a household member currently volunteers | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Rural Fire Service (RFS/CFA)  
2. State Emergency Services (SES)  
3. Surf life saving club (RSLC/SLSQ/LSV)  
4. Volunteer First Aid office (e.g. St John Ambulance)  
5. Other organisation  
6. Not known  
7. Not applicable |
| Emergency, safety or rescue organisations currently volunteered for by NSW households | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Rural Fire Service (RFS)  
2. Community fire Units (CFUs)  
3. State Emergency Service (SES)  
4. Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA)  
5. Surf Life Saving Club (RLSC)  
6. Volunteer First Aid office (e.g. St John Ambulance)  
7. Other  
8. Not known  
9. Not applicable |
| Emergency, safety or rescue organisations currently volunteered for by Victorian households | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Country Fire Authority (CFA)  
2. Victorian State Emergency Service (VicSES)  
3. Life Saving Victoria (LSV)  
4. Volunteer First Aid office (e.g. St John Ambulance)  
5. 'Rural Ambulance' (Community Emergency Responders Team (CERT), Ambulance Community Officer)  
6. Other  
7. Not known  
8. Not applicable |
| Emergency, safety or rescue organisations currently volunteered for by Queensland households | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Rural Fire Service (RFS)  
2. State Emergency Services (SES)  
3. Honorary Ambulance Officer / Ambulance First Responder  
4. Surf Life Saving Club (SLSQ)  
5. Volunteer Coast Guard / Marine Rescue  
6. Volunteer First Aid office (e.g. St John Ambulance)  
7. Other  
8. Not known  
9. Not applicable |
| Emergency, safety or rescue organisations currently volunteered for by ACT households | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Rural Fire Service (RFS)  
2. Community fire Units (CFUs)  
3. State Emergency Service (SES)  
4. Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA)  
5. Surf Life Saving Club (RLSC)  
6. Volunteer First Aid office (e.g. St John Ambulance)  
7. Other  
8. Not known  
9. Not applicable |
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| Whether household has water in bottles or containers                    | WA SS'07     | 1. Less than 1 litre  
2. 1 to less than 5 litres  
3. 5 to less than 10 litres  
4. 10 to less than 20 litres  
5. 20 litres or more  
6. Don’t know  
7. No bottled water |
| Whether household has food that does not need cooking or refrigeration | WA SS'07     | 1. 1–3 days  
2. 4–6 days  
3. 1–2 weeks  
4. More than 2 weeks  
5. Don’t know  
6. None of this type of food |
| Whether household has a torch which is ready to use                     | WA SS'07     | 1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Don’t know |
| Whether household has a portable radio with working batteries in it     | WA SS'07     | 1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Don’t know |
| Number of mobile phones in household                                    | WA SS'07     | 1. One  
2. Two  
3. Three  
4. Four  
5. Five or more |
| Whether household has any landline telephones                           | WA SS'07     | 1. Cordless  
2. Fixed  
3. Both types |
| Whether household has access to the internet                             | WA SS'07     | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether household keeps important documents together                     | WA SS'07     | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether anyone in household is on medication for any long term medical conditions | WA SS'07     | 1. Yes  
2. No |
| Whether household keeps medications together                             | WA SS'07     | 1. Yes  
2. No |

**State Supplementary Survey Demographics – Safety Measures in the Home**

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| Whether any smoke alarms/detectors in the home                              | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No |
| Number of smoke alarm/detectors                                              | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. None  
2. One  
3. Two  
4. Three  
5. Four  
6. Five or more  
7. Not applicable |
| How many smoke alarms/detectors are in working order                         | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. No smoke alarms/detectors  
2. None of them are in working order  
3. Some of them are in working order  
4. All of them are in working order  
5. Not known how many of them are in working order |
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| Number of smoke alarms/detectors in working order                       | 1. None of them are in working order  
2. One  
3. Two  
4. Three  
5. Four  
6. Five or more  
7. Not known how many of them are in working order  
8. No smoke alarms/detectors  
9. Not applicable |
| When smoke alarm(s)/detector(s) last manually tested during the last 12 months | 1. No smoke alarms/detectors  
2. Manually tested less than 3 months ago  
3. 3 months to less than 6 months ago  
4. 6 months to less than 9 months ago  
5. 9 to 12 months ago  
6. Not tested in the last 12 months  
7. Not known whether tested in the last 12 months |
| Whether any fire blankets in the home                                   | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether any fire extinguishers in the home                              | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether any of the fire extinguishers are less than 5 years old         | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Whether any electrical safety switches or circuit breakers in the home  | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known |
| Location of electrical safety switches or circuit breakers              | 1. In the fuse or meter box  
2. At a fixed power point  
3. In a portable power board  
4. Not adequately described  
5. Not known  
6. Not applicable |
| Whether trees/branches which could damage the home in a storm have been trimmed or removed in the last 12 months | 1. Households not living in a separate house, semi-detached, row or terrace house, or townhouse  
2. No trees/branches could damage the home during the last 12 months  
3. Not known whether trees/branches could damage the home during the last 12 months  
4. Trimmed or removed trees/branches which could damage the home  
5. Did not trim or remove trees/branches which could damage the home  
6. Not known whether the trees/branches which could damage the home were trimmed |
| Whether roof gutters around home cleared of debris in last 12 months     | 1. Households not living in a separate house, semi-detached, row or terrace house, or townhouse  
2. Cleared roof gutters  
3. Did not clear roof gutters  
4. Not known |
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| Whether have leaf or gutter guards installed                                  | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Households not living in a separate house, semi-detached, row or terrace house, or townhouse  
2. Leaf or gutter guards installed  
3. No leaf or gutter guards installed  
4. Not known                |
| Whether roof or ceiling leaks when it rains                                  | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Households not living in a separate house, semi-detached, row or terrace house, or townhouse  
2. Leaks  
3. Does not leak  
4. Not known                |
| State Supplementary Survey Demographics – Household's Emergency Experiences   |                 |                                                                           |
| Data item name                                                                 | Source          | Categories                                                                 |
| Whether the household has experienced any major emergencies                   | WA SS'07        | 1. Yes  
2. No                                      |
| Whether household experienced any emergencies at current address in last 2 years| NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. No emergency  
2. House fire  
3. Bushfire  
4. Storm, wind or hail  
5. Flood  
6. Other emergency  
7. Not applicable          |
| Most recent emergency                                                         | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. House fire  
3. Bushfire  
4. Storm, wind or hail  
5. Flood  
6. Other                      |
| Whether any emergency services contacted in most recent emergency              | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known                   |
| Emergency service(s) contacted in most recent emergency                       | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Fire service  
2. State Emergency Services  
3. Ambulance  
4. Police  
5. Other  
6. Not applicable             |
| Whether changes made since the most recent emergency to be better prepared for a similar emergency | NSW/QLD/VIC/ACT SS'07 | 1. Not applicable  
2. Yes  
3. No  
4. Not known                   |
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<td>1. Installed safety switch or surge protector</td>
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<td>2. Installed smoke alarm</td>
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<td>3. Installed gutter guards</td>
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<td>4. Upgraded switchboard</td>
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<td>5. Upgraded dwelling structure (e.g. roofing, guttering, windows, etc.)</td>
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<td>6. Installed or upgraded property's drainage (e.g. dug or diverted drainage ditches)</td>
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<td>7. Regularly tested smoke alarms</td>
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<td>8. Devised or practised an emergency plan</td>
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<td>9. Improved home maintenance</td>
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<td>10. Removed and/or trimmed trees</td>
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