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# ACTU - Actions to minimise the health effects of bushfire smoke haze



Late last year we were contacted by members affected by smoke penetrating school sites, from nearby bushfires but not in evacuation zone, who were suffering from the hazardous effects of this pollution.

The decision on whether schools should remain open in these circumstances was left to the Principal to decide with no specified guidance or criteria for consideration.

The ACTU in the aftermath of the bushfire catastrophe have produced some excellent guidance on managing the health effects of bushfire smoke haze and managing workplaces affected. [Read the ACTU Work Health and Safety Alert and Advice here.](#)