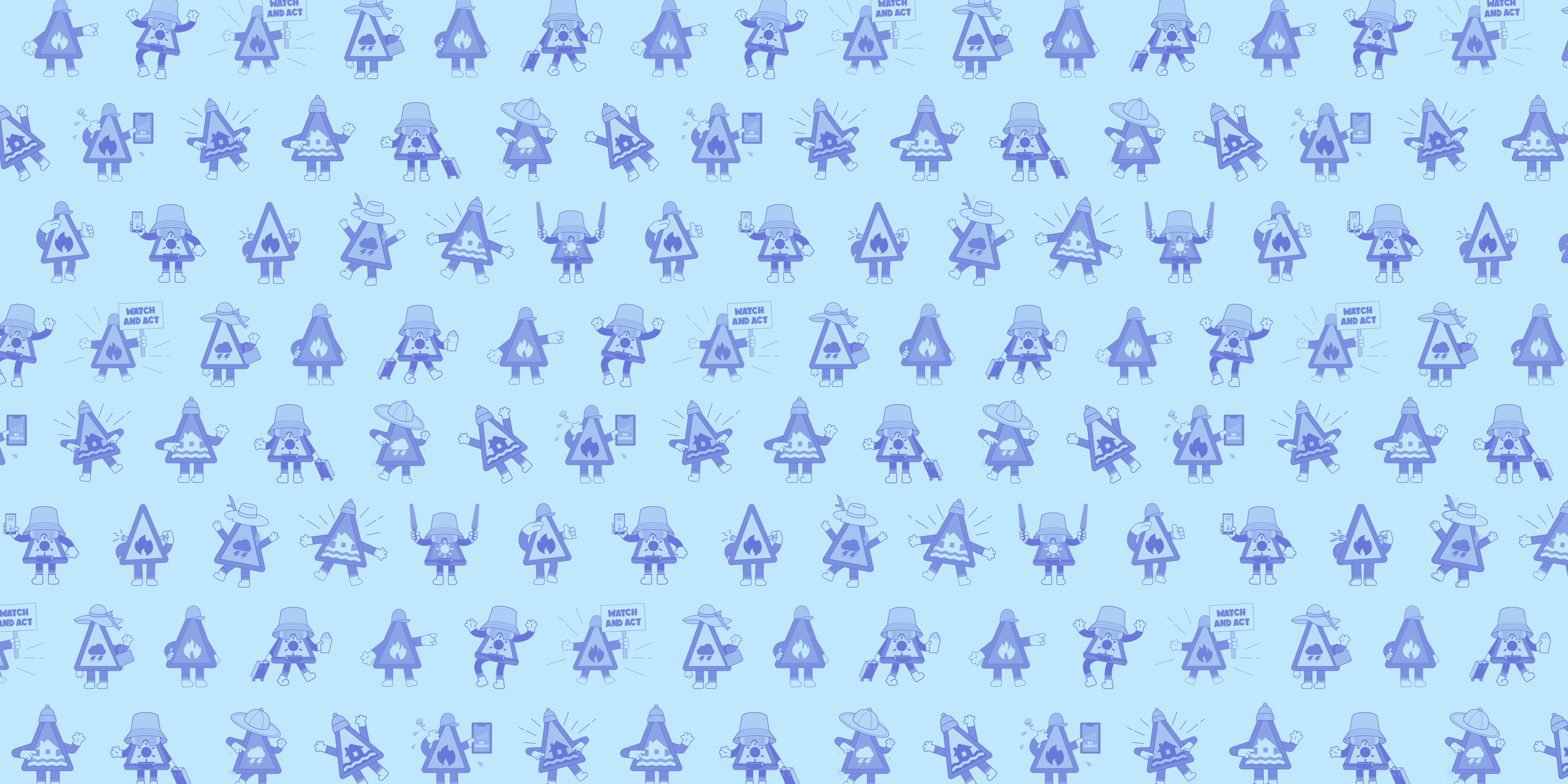




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It's a very exciting day today.
The whole family is going on a camping holiday.
But before they get there, it's four hours by car.
Four hours without screens... four hours too far.



Everything is packed and ready to go.
Tent? Tick. Sunscreen? Tick. First aid kit? No.



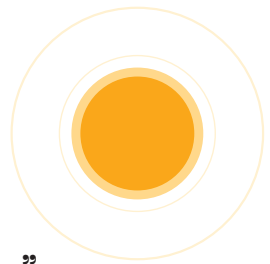
Dad runs inside to grab the pack.
Out pops a yellow warning sign, ready to watch their back.



Ready for adventure, they jump in the car.
Seat belts on and ready to go far.
After hours of driving, they arrive at the site.
Only five toilet stops later and one little fight.



There's a fire nearby. The yellow warning sign has some **ADVICE**. They need to **STAY INFORMED**. But Dad doesn't think twice.



Mum turns to Dad, "I think we should listen to the sign."
But Dad says, "Relax, let's go for a walk. It'll be fine."



But fine was everything the walk was not.
The complaining. The nagging. It just did not stop.
“Mummm, is nature always this boring?”
“If we’re all in the tent, won’t we hear Dad’s snoring?”



AHHHHH!



“Mum, it smells of smoke and I’m way too hot!”

“Mummmm, Jack hit me!”

“I did not!”

“Mum, I really need to do a wee!”

“AHHHHHHH a bee, a bee, a bee!”

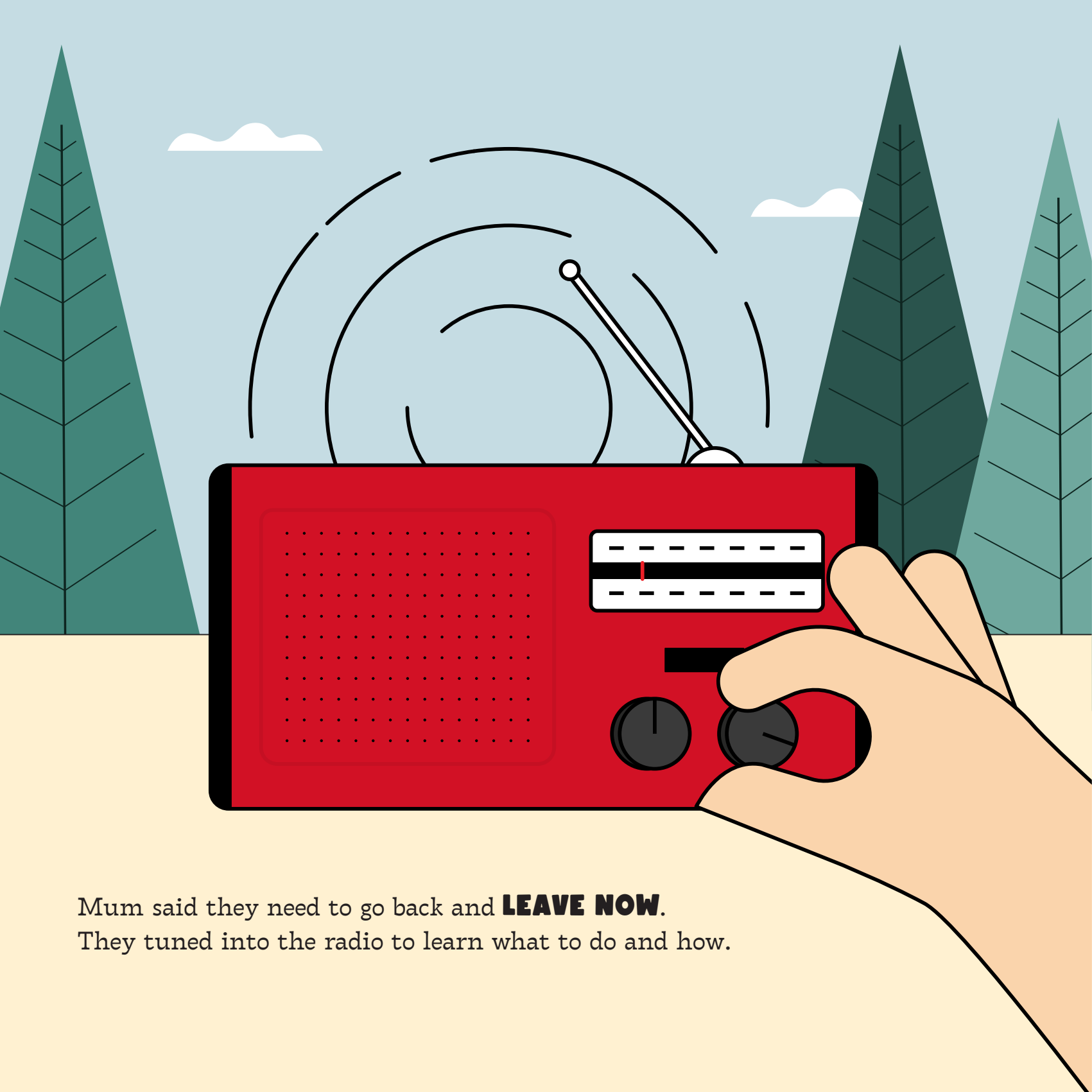


The warning sign was getting nervous.
It noticed their phones were running out of service.
The sign turned orange. The winds had grown stronger.
Mum, Dad, and the kids could not be there any longer.

It was now clear.
It was time to face the facts.
The sign was orange.
That means **WATCH AND ACT.**



“That’s it! We can’t ignore
it anymore.
And yes, in a tent you’ll
hear your Dad snore!”



Mum said they need to go back and **LEAVE NOW**.
They tuned into the radio to learn what to do and how.

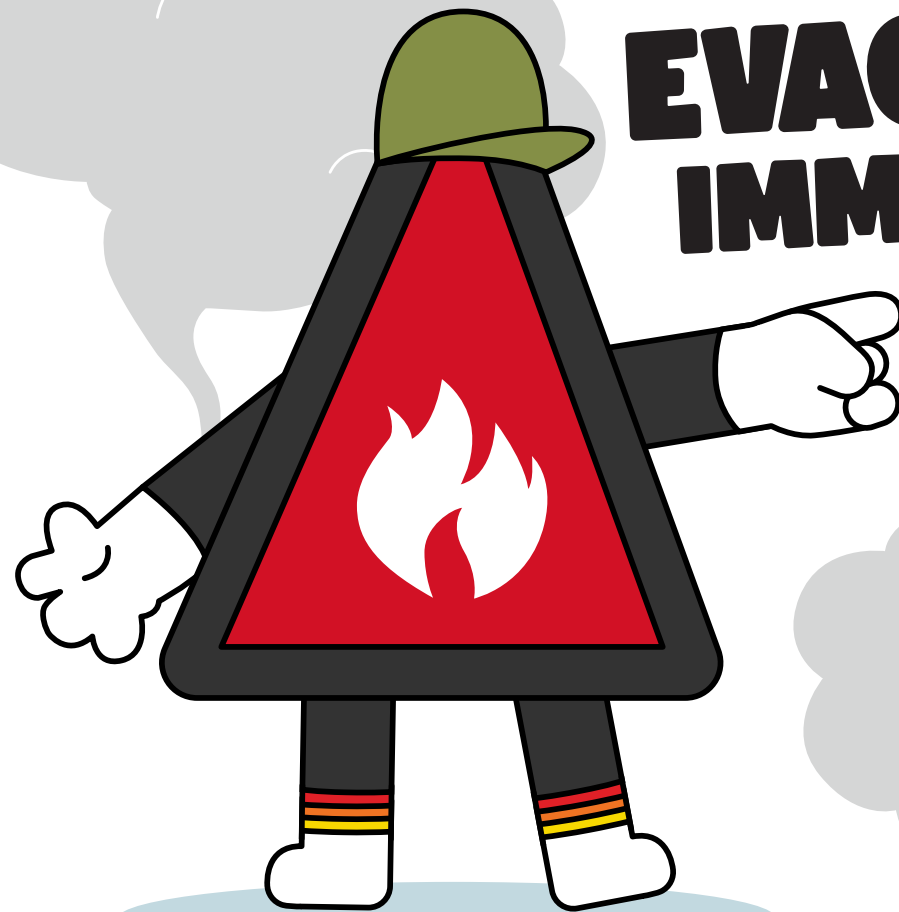
So they packed up the tent and jumped in the car.
It was time to go. Time to drive far.



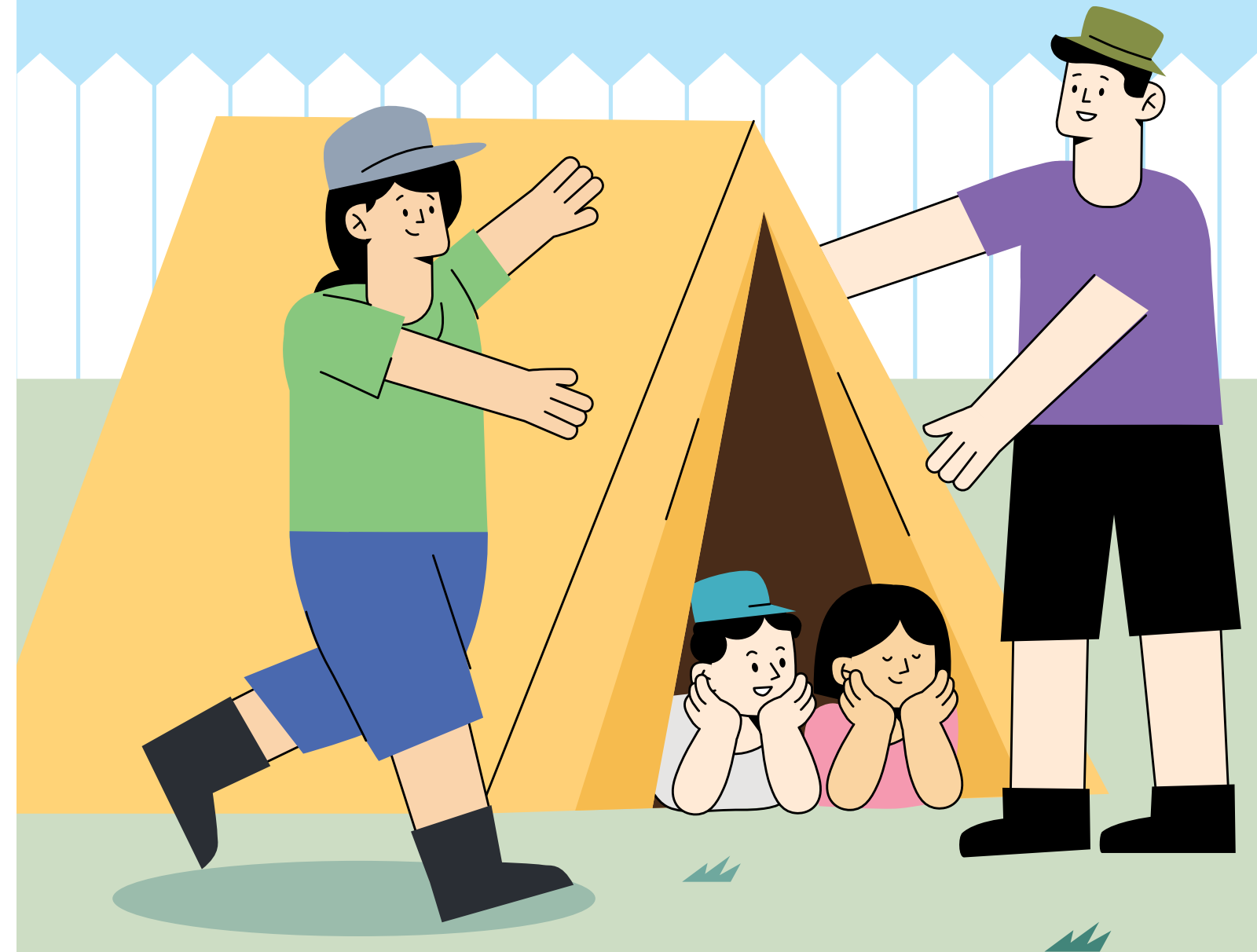
As they drove, the radio aired an **EMERGENCY WARNING** that said:
“EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY.”

The sign was now red.

**EVACUATE
IMMEDIATELY**



When they got home, Mum looked at them all.
This camping trip was supposed to be a ball!
In the backyard at home, they put up the tent.
Far away from danger. Family time well spent.





In the morning, the sign changed to yellow and offered **ADVICE**.
It said **THE THREAT IS REDUCED**. The weather was nice.

So for the next week they planned an adventure, round two.
Time to explore once again when it was safe to do.
By knowing the signs, they kept danger at bay,
But alas, no sign could keep Dad's snoring away.



GET TO KNOW OUR WARNING SIGNS

There are three warning levels, and they are the same for bushfires, floods, storms and extreme heat.

All with their own action statements that will tell you exactly what to do in an emergency.



In this book, warnings and action statements are highlighted in **BOLD**.

Can you go back and find them?

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ADVICE

Yellow means an incident has started.

There is no immediate danger.

Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

An example of an action statement for an **ADVICE** warning is '**STAY INFORMED.**'



WATCH AND ACT

Orange means there is a heightened level of threat.

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

An example of an action statement for a **WATCH AND ACT** warning is '**LEAVE NOW.**'



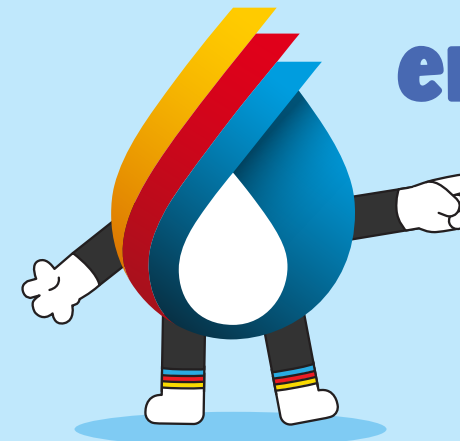
EMERGENCY WARNING

Red is the highest level of warning.

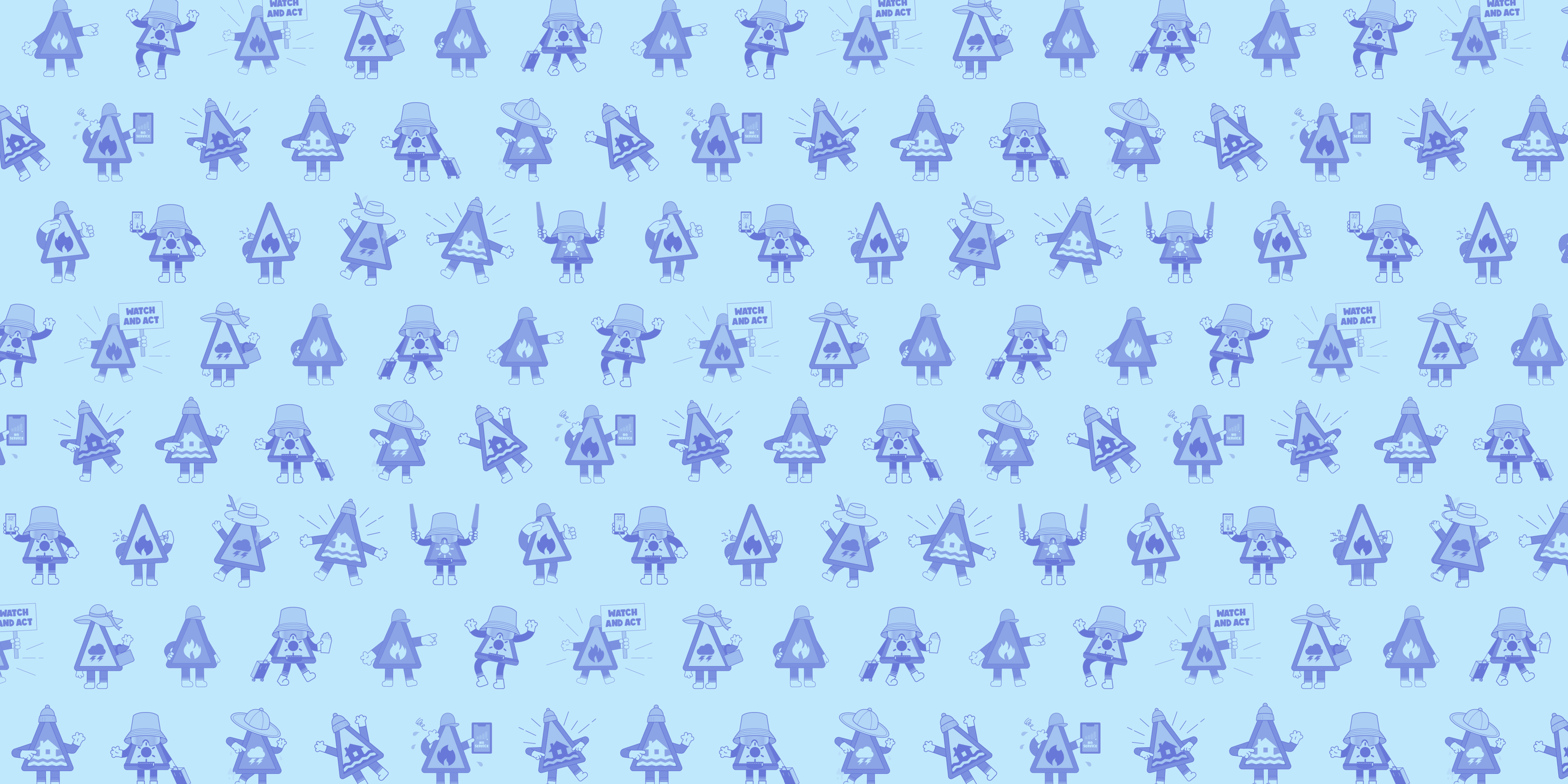
You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

An example of an action statement for an **EMERGENCY WARNING** is '**EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY.**'

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