



HARVESTING BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Harvesting during dangerous conditions can quickly start a bushfire. Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- Ensure you have a shovel or rake and portable water spray at hand.
- Ensure all engine exhaust gases exit through the exhaust system to prevent the escape of burning material.
- Prevent heated parts of the system from coming into contact with flammable material or vegetation and ensure the system is in good working order.
- If a stationary machine is used to auger a crop, a minimum space of FOUR metres around and above the machine must be cleared, or a person who is able to control the engine must be present at all times the engine is operating.

It is strongly recommended that you follow the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice available from your local council or CFS website: cfs.sa.gov.au.

Here are some key points:

- Suspend harvesting when the Fire Behaviour Index exceeds **40**.
- Check all machinery is in good working order and free of crop residue.
- Have immediate access to a UHF CB radio or mobile phone.
- Have a well maintained and fully operational farm fire-fighting unit with a minimum 400 litres of water in the paddock being harvested. For further information consult the CFS Private Farm Fire Unit Handbook available on the CFS website.
- Establish a FOUR metre wide fuel break around the perimeter of the area to be burnt.


Deliberately, recklessly or negligently starting a bushfire is a serious offence and will result in criminal proceedings.

During the Fire Danger Season, visit the Bureau of Meteorology website: bom.gov.au to find out the Grassland Fire Danger Index for your region.

Visit the South Australia Police website: police.sa.gov.au for more bushfire prevention fact sheets and information.



If there is a fire or imminent risk of a fire call **Emergency Triple Zero (000)**. If you see anything suspicious immediately call the **Police Assistance Line on 131 444**. If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire behaviour call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**.

 Download the free **Emergency+ app** which contains useful contact numbers for emergency services.

The **Emergency+ app** is developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners, and uses **GPS functionality** built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details to assist **emergency services**.