



EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Poorly maintained and non-compliant mechanical equipment and vehicles can start bushfires.

Help keep everyone safe by following these simple rules:

- During the Fire Danger Season there are restrictions on the use of stationary engines and vehicles driven by internal combustion engines.
- Outside of existing Farm and Grain Harvesting Codes of Practice a person must not operate an engine during the Fire Danger Season unless it conforms to the appropriate regulations.
- Engines and exhaust systems must be well-maintained, with correct spark-arresters and protective guards fitted.
- Exhaust system requirements:
 - Ensure all engine exhaust gases exit through the system to prevent the escape of burning material.
 - Ensure the system is designed to prevent heated parts coming in to contact with flammable vegetation.
- Machinery and stationary engines that do not have the required and maintained exhaust system **must not** come within FOUR metres of flammable vegetation, including grass and crops. A shovel or rake and an appropriate agent adequate to extinguish a fire must be at hand.
- A vehicle driven by an internal combustion engine that does not have a compliant engine exhaust system **must not** be driven within TWO meters of flammable bush or grass.
- Check all equipment, engines and vehicles are in good working order and comply with regulations.
- Check bearings and pulleys on equipment and vehicles to ensure there are no signs of seal failure on sealed bearings and that greased bearings are greased and wiped clean as necessary.
- Check all equipment and vehicles are clean and free from built up flammable materials including trapped deposits of grass and oil.
- A person **must not** use a caravan in the country unless an appropriately maintained and efficient fire extinguisher is carried.

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

Visit the CFS website: cfs.sa.gov.au for full details of what you can and cannot do during the Fire Danger Season.

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**.