



### What to do when veld fire conditions are forecast

During high fire seasons, the establishment of fire control committees are essential and open air fires are strictly prohibited. In general, an alarm system, firefighting teams, and plans must be prepared in advance to mitigate the impact of a wildfire.

It is extremely important to know the contact details of the closest fire/emergency response unit. Save it on your cell phone!

### What to do during veld fires

- Move livestock to safety and out of grazing land to ploughed fields.
- If water is not available in sufficient quantities or at adequate pressure for the control of major fires, sand or other loose mineral soil material can be an effective method of control.

### Concerns and recommendations

Land owners should prepare and maintain firebreaks. They must ensure that, with due regard to the weather, climate, terrain and vegetation of the area, the following is taken care of in terms of installing the firebreaks (chapter 4 of National Veld and Forest Fire Act No. 101 of 1998):

1. A firebreak has to be wide enough and long enough to prevent a veld fire from spreading to or from neighbouring land.
2. A firebreak does not cause soil erosion.
3. A firebreak is reasonably free of inflammable material capable of carrying a veld fire across it.
4. Farming communities should establish fire protection associations to prevent and control veld fires as required by the National Veld and Forest Fire Act (Act No. 101 of 1998).
5. Insure crops/livestock against financial loss due to fire damage.

**The Fire Brigade Services Act provides for the establishment, co-ordination and standardisation of fire brigade services.**

**Local authorities (municipalities) are empowered to establish and maintain a fire brigade service, to be employed for the following purposes:**

- Preventing the outbreak or spread of a fire.
- Fighting or extinguishing a fire.
- The protection of life or property against a fire or other threatening danger.
- The rescue of life or property from a fire or other danger.

Improved communication among members about fire hazard conditions are imperative. The aim is to achieve better integration of community preparedness, prevention, suppression and recovery strategies for veld fire management.

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