

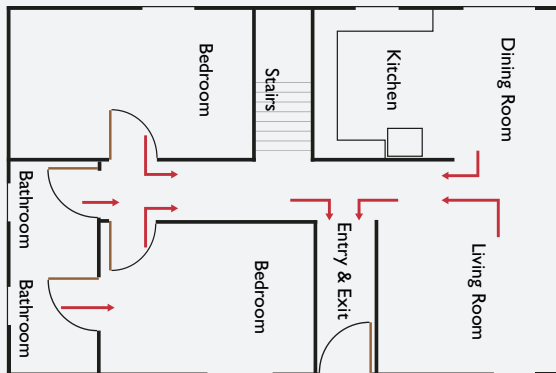
FireSafe: Pre-Fire Season Activities

- ☐ Clear out any dead or dry vegetation around the home / property.
- ☐ Conduct a community clean up and work with local authorities to reduce the risk of wildfires affecting the community.
- ☐ Remind community members to use fire responsibly.



FireSafe: Evacuations

- ☐ Make sure you have a plan in case of a fire / disaster.
- ☐ Practice the evacuation plan (identify escape routes and meeting points).
- ☐ Alert those in the home / property (help children and elderly).
- ☐ Report the fire to 112 or local fire services.



EVACUATION

Crawl low under smoke to the safest exit to avoid poisonous gas

If your clothes are on fire...



1. STOP

2. DROP



3. COVER YOUR FACE



4. ROLL



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FIRESAFE TIPS – BE FIRESAFE

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & HOME AGAINST WILDFIRE



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Saving Lives
Protecting the Environment
Restoring Dignity

Play your part and Be FireSafe!

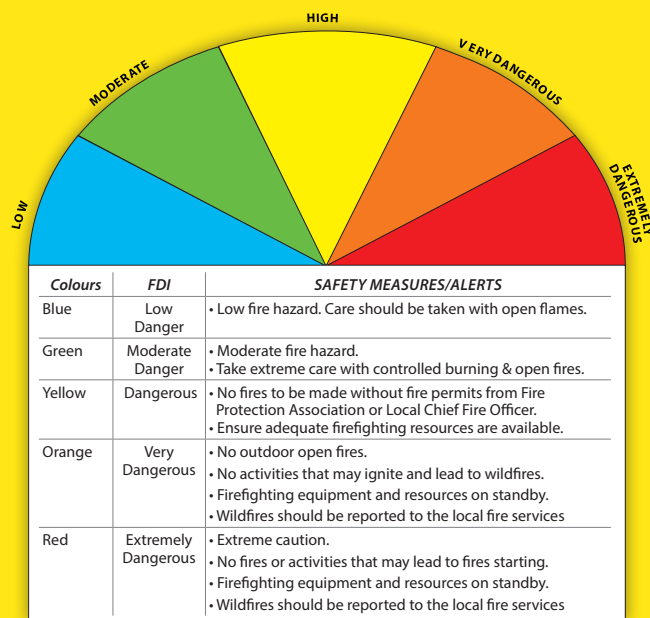
Fire is an important part of our daily lives – we use fire to provide light, to keep warm and to cook. Fires can become very dangerous if not used responsibly. Wildfires can cause loss of life, damage property and destroy the environment. We need to be aware of the dangers of fire and how to prevent it from becoming out of control. Wildfire can start anywhere under the right conditions.

Wildfires do not discriminate! Communities close to vegetation and other potential fuels are more prone to wildfires. Fires can start inside the home, outside the home and in the natural environment. Home fires can quickly spread from one home to another or into the natural environment. Fires in the environment (veld, agriculture, forestry, etc.) can spread to homes/properties.

Managing potential ignition points and flammable materials could help you prevent a wildfire.

Be FireSafe - Understand Fire Weather

Fire Danger Index

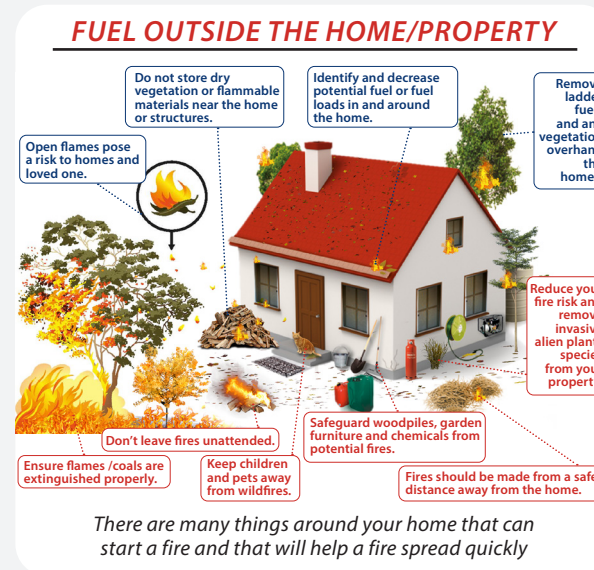


FIRE SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

This leaflet aims to help you identify potential fuels/flammable materials in and around your home/property.

Fire and the environment

Fires in grasslands, woodlands, fynbos, forests and savannahs often occur naturally. However, most fires are caused by human negligence. Fire is used as a land management tool to regenerate vegetation. Too frequent fires in the same area can destroy vegetation and seed banks, which can lead to soil erosion which can lead to landslides during the rainy season.



FireSafe: Safety Tips

- ☐  Dispose of refuse responsibly.
- ☐  Do not illegally burn refuse, tyres and plastics.
- ☐  Extinguish and dispose of cigarettes, coals and firewood properly.
- ☐  Always use designated braai area. Put out the fire completely before leaving.

FireSafe Home: Outdoor Tips

- ☐  Trim or remove dead / dry plants, grasses, etc. away from your home.
- ☐  Clear gutters and vents from dry vegetation before Fire Season.

- ☐ Clear a firebreak around your home / property.
- ☐ Keep firewood and other potential fuels (paraffin, petrol, etc.) safely away from potential fire sources.
- ☐ Ensure open fires won't spread by clearing the area around it from potential flammable materials.

FireSafe Children

- ☐ Educate children about the dangers of fires.
- ☐  Store matches and fire lighters out of children's reach.
- ☐  Keep open flames or hot surfaces out of children's reach.
- ☐ Be sure to keep burning candles and lamps safe from falling or being knocked over.
- ☐ Store hot items safely out of children's reach.

FireSafe Kitchen

- ☐ Do not leave any appliance or pots unattended while cooking. 
- ☐ Never throw water onto burning oil. Smother it with a lid or a damp cloth.
- ☐ Keep a sandbucket, fire blanket or fire extinguisher close by to put out small fires.

FireSafe Electrical Items

- ☐  Do not overload electrical sockets. Electrical sparks can start a fire.
- ☐ Check electrical plugs and wires regularly to avoid potential shocking or sparks.
- ☐ Ensure you unplug appliances not in use (stoves, irons, heaters, etc.).
- ☐ Keep water and electrical appliances far away from each other.

FireSafe: In and around the home

- ☐ Keep paraffin, petrol and spirits sealed and stored in a safe place.
- ☐ Keep flammable materials (paper, fabric, wood, etc.) away from open flames.