



Fire Risk – High Temperatures

WHAT HAPPENED?

The hotter drier conditions in some regions have seen the fire danger increase dramatically over recent weeks, with an elevated risk in some areas.

The recent grass and scrub fires in the Canterbury region have highlighted the extreme fire danger risk, accelerated by the hot windy conditions.



IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Do not drive or park vehicles or plant in long grass, due to the hot exhaust and the risk of sparks.
- Be extremely careful with generators and any tools that could create sparks.
- Ensure access tracks are clear and safe to use, with consideration to the conditions and fire danger risk.
- If a fire starts and cannot be controlled quickly, then evacuate the area, and call the Emergency services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Ensure work is well planned, with an emergency response plan in place for the fire danger risk.
- Before cutting any grass or vegetation complete a risk assessment and establish controls, as a spark from the machine may be enough to start a fire.
- Consider where you will park or position portable plant on site because of the risk created from heat or sparks.
- Consider the use of spark arrestors when using plant and equipment.
- Refer to the Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) website for the latest information, outdoor & rural safety, and the seasonal fire danger outlook.

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