



Grass Fires

GRASS FIRES SPREAD QUICKLY AND CAN THREATEN LIVES, PROPERTY, CROPS AND STOCK

PROTECT YOURSELF

Grass fires can start quickly and spread rapidly, catching people off-guard. Grass fires are very hot and can produce huge amounts of heat that can kill anyone caught out in the open.

The safest place to be during a grass fire is well away from the fire. When in the vicinity of a grass fire, always keep the burnt ground in mind as a safe refuge. If you are threatened by a grass fire, always protect yourself by covering up all exposed skin with protective clothing such as:

- Long-sleeved shirt and pants made from a natural fibre such as cotton.
- Sturdy leather boots and woollen socks.
- Leather gloves.
- A wide-brimmed hat.
- A face mask or towel to cover your mouth and nose.
- Eye protection such as goggles.

Make sure you drink plenty of water to keep hydrated and be aware of your level of physical fitness, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and sunburn.



Protect your property, livestock and crops

The Importance of Fire Breaks:

- The spring time preparation of fire breaks by mowing, grazing, brush cutting or ploughing around buildings, crops, pasture, storage areas, along key fence lines and other exposures will greatly assist in fighting fires during the summer.
- Construct effective fire breaks as a means of preventing fire escapes from your property and reducing the likelihood of fires entering.
- Fire breaks should, where practical, be designed to avoid trees or to provide an additional break around the trees themselves.
- Work together with neighbours to construct effective fire breaks.

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