

Total Fire Ban Activity Checklist

Off Road Activity

NOTE: All relevant boxes need to be checked to undertake activity during a Total Fire Ban

Planning & Notification		
Activity Check	Regulation No.	Yes / NA
Activity is being carried out in the course of trade or commerce (business), or by or on behalf of a public authority.	r.24ZH(2)(a)	
Is a Ban in force under r.24C in the area i.e. a harvest vehicle movement ban (HVMB). <i>(Off-road activity must stop – including off-road agricultural activity – only urgent works being carried out in relation to the provision of an essential service may continue during a HVMB)</i>	r.24ZH(2)(b)	
The Fire Danger Forecast is not Catastrophic? <i>(If the Fire Danger Forecast is Catastrophic – off road activity cannot be carried out, unless it is being carried out in relation to urgent works for the provision of an essential service).</i> https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/index.html#firedangerratings	r.24ZI(1)	
Notification provided to DFES and Local Government via online notification form https://dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/total-fire-ban . (Follow the link: <i>TFB Prescribed Activity Notification Form</i> at the top of the page).	r.24ZJ	
Notification to DBCA - If work is being carried out within 3kms of land managed by Parks and Wildlife, you must also notify them prior to starting work.	r.24ZJ	

Safety Requirements		
Activity Check	Regulation No.	Yes / NA
Internal combustion engine that is, or that activates, <u>the engine, vehicle, plant or machinery</u> involved in the off-road activity is fitted with a suitable spark arrester for the exhaust system which is well maintained, complies with Australian Standards and prevents sparks from escaping <i>(except motor vehicles)</i> .	r.24ZK(2)(a)(b)(i) (ii)	
The engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery involved in the off-road activity is parked or located on an area clear of inflammable material when not being used.	r.24ZK(3)	
At least one (1) approved fire extinguisher in proper working order is carried on or is close to the engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery involved in the off-road activity while it is being operated or used <i>(i.e. at least 1 x 9kg or 2 x 4.5kg)</i> .	r.24ZL	

*Bush Fires Regulations 1954 – Regulations 24ZH – 24ZL

Definitions

Off-road Activity: the use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery on land on which there is bush or which is under crop or pasture or stubble (**can include lawnmowers, brushcutters, generators, vehicles**)

** Note off-road activity does not include road work. See **Road Work Checklist** for this definition.

Bush: The *Bush Fires Act 1954* defines bush as follows - bush includes trees, bushes, plants, stubble, scrub, and undergrowth of all kinds whatsoever whether alive or dead and whether standing or not standing and also a part of a tree, bush, plant, or undergrowth, and whether severed therefrom or not so severed. ** to simplify – this definition refers to vegetation.

Engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery: any engine, motor vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery that is, or that is activated by, an internal combustion engine.

Public Authority: includes but is not limited to; local governments, state departments and state bodies established under WA law.

Essential service: any of the following: water supply, sewerage or drainage services; electricity or gas services; telecommunications services; public transport services; rubbish collection or disposal services.

Urgent works: in relation to the provision of an essential service, means repairs or maintenance necessary for the continued provision, or restoration, of the service.

Approved Fire Extinguisher: a fire extinguisher suitable to extinguish a fire likely to occur in relation to the off-road activity; and has a capacity of at least 9kg or 9L; and complies with the current Australian Standards.

Suitable spark arrester, in relation to an exhaust system for an engine, equipment or other thing: a device fitted to the engine, equipment or thing that —(a) prevents sparks from escaping from all or part of the engine, equipment or thing; and (b) complies with Australian Standard AS 1019-2000 *Internal Combustion Engines - Spark Emission Control Devices* as in force on the day on which the *Bush Fires Amendment Regulations 2021* regulation 4(2) comes into operation; and (c) is maintained in a clean, sound and efficient condition.

****Total Fire Bans (section 22C Bush Fires Act 1954) only apply to those activities being carried out in the open air, open air is defined as: anywhere that is not fully enclosed by a building or structure.**