

Total Fire Ban Activity Checklist

Road Work

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 by business or industry, or by or on behalf of, a public authority.	r.24Y(2)(a)	
The Fire Danger Forecast is not Catastrophic? <i>(If the Fire Danger Forecast is Catastrophic – road works cannot be carried out unless it is being carried out in relation to the provision of an essential service).</i> https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/index.html#firedangerratings	r.24ZA(1)(2)	
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.24ZB	
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.24ZB	

Changes to Conditions

In addition to adhering to the regulatory requirements listed above, operators must conduct **their own risk assessments** when performing road work (grading and bituminising) during a total fire ban and ensure that the appropriate firefighting mitigation is in place.

If the road work activity is deemed to pose a high risk of starting a fire based on the risk assessment, it should be postponed until the extreme weather conditions improve.

Firefighting water should be readily available in areas near bushland or vegetation.

**Bush Fires Regulations 1954 – Regulations 24Y – 24ZB*

Definitions

Road Work: any of, or any combination of, the following undertaken for the purposes of the construction, maintenance, or repair of a road —

- a) the lighting, maintenance or use of a fire in the open air to heat bitumen in bituminising equipment,
- b) the loading of heated bitumen onto or the unloading of heated bitumen from bituminising equipment,
- c) the application of heated bitumen to the surface of the road using bituminising equipment,
- d) the grading of the surface of the road using grading equipment.

Bituminising Equipment: a bitumen tanker, bitumen sprayer, bitumen storage unit, mobile asphalt plant, mobile asphalt paver, pavement recycling machine or other similar piece of equipment.

Grading Equipment: a grader, bulldozer, scraper or other similar piece of equipment.

Road site: in relation to road work, means the place at which the road work is carried out.

Road: as defined in the *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008* Section 4; or a private road; but does not include any part of a reservation, median strip or traffic island on which there is bush.

Private road: a driveway, or a road or track that is not open to, or used by, the public.

Essential Service: means any of the following — (a) water supply, sewerage or drainage services; (b) electricity or gas services; (c) telecommunications services; (d) public transport services; (e) rubbish collection or disposal services.

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

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.

*****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.***