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FIRE BAN

1 AUGUST till 31st OCTOBER



During a FIRE BAN there is a **total ban** on open-air fires.

No person may:

Make a fire in the open air, or, if such a fire has been made, allow it to continue to burn, or add fuel to it.



Who declares a fire ban?

The National Veldfire Act of 1998 (NVA)

1. In terms of section 12 (4) (a) of the Act, The GRFPA has declared a fire ban from 1 AUG to 31 OCT this is binding on all landowners whether they are members of the Fire Protection Association or not. This ban applies even if the FDI is green or yellow.
2. Section 10(2) states that when the FIRE DANGER INDEX (FDI) is High **(Orange)** or EXTREME **(RED)** no outdoor fires are permitted. Any person who lights, uses or maintains a fire in the open air in contravention of section 10(2) is guilty of a first category offence.

PRECAUTIONS:

Ensure that domestic fires used for preparing meals are:

- Made within a "fire safe area"
- not left unattended
- properly extinguished after use

"FIRE SAFE AREA" = a specifically prepared & maintained area which is:

- surrounded by ground that is clear of all combustible matter for at least 5m
- a permanently constructed fireplace

Notify all persons on your property that the risk of fire is high

Be vigilant and ready to put out a fire

All raging fires start as a tiny spark