

## CFS FACT SHEET

# Grinders, welders, cutters and engines

Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, grinders, cutters, welders and spark-producing tools are referred to as prescribed tools.



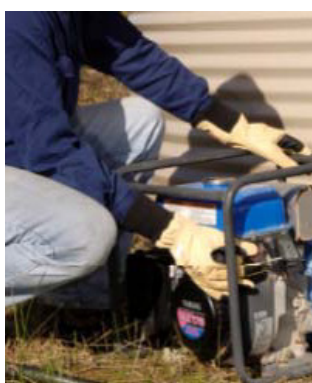
Prescribed tools are the cause of many fires during the Fire Danger Season when legislated precautions are not followed.

The use of prescribed tools during days of Total Fire Ban is not permitted unless a Schedule 10 permit has been issued.

Schedule 10 permits can be applied for at your local council.

During the Fire Danger Season, on days that are not under Total Fire Ban restrictions, Prescribed Tools can be used when:

- A 4 metre clearance of flammable material is made from where the furthest spark would land. Where this cannot be achieved, a heat or spark guard must be used.
- If the equipment is to be used in the vicinity of flammable material, a person with proper firefighting equipment must be designated to watch for ignitions.



### Engines

Outside of existing farm and harvesting Codes of Practice restrictions, under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 a person must not operate an engine unless it conforms to the appropriate regulations.

Engines and exhaust systems must be well-maintained, with correct spark-arresters and protective guards fitted and working.

Machinery and vehicles should not come within 4 metres of flammable materials, including grass and crops, if they do not have the required and maintained protective guards and equipment.

Refer to our 'Restrictions: What can I and can't I do?' Fact Sheet for more details.