

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.



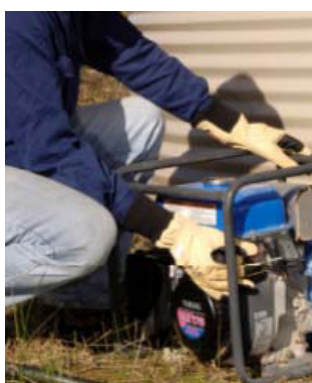
Prescribed tools are the cause of many fires during the Fire Danger Season when legislated precautions are not followed.

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 10 metre clearance of flammable vegetation is made.
- Water or an appropriate extinguisher is at hand.
- A person able to control the devices is present at all times while the activity is being undertaken.



Vehicles

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 must not come within 2 metres of flammable vegetation, including grass and crops, if they do not have the required and maintained exhaust system equipment.

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