



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

TOTAL FIRE BANS

Who needs to read this?

All at Curtin WA Campuses

Background/Incident Details

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared because of extreme weather conditions or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources. A TFB is declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) following consultation with local governments.

When a TFB is declared it prohibits the lighting of any fires in the open air and any other activities that may start a fire.

The ban includes all open air fires for the purpose of cooking or camping. It also includes incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

When declared, Total Fire Bans are in place for the whole day, from midnight to midnight. They may be revoked during the day if the forecast weather does not eventuate or if weather conditions ease.

WARNING: You could be fined up to \$25,000 and/or jailed for 12 months, if you breach a Total Fire Ban.

[Exemptions](#) may be allowed for some industries and activities with conditions applied.

For more information download the [Total Fire Bans Fact Sheet](#) or check the [DFES website](#)

Recommendations

Be aware of TFBs in your area. When a Total Fire Ban has been declared it will be:

- Featured on the [Total Fire Bans page](#) of the DFES website
- Published on DFES's [Twitter account](#)
- Published to subscribers through the DFES website's automated [RSS feeds](#)
- Broadcast on ABC local radio and other media outlets
- On the Total Fire Ban information line: **1800 709 355**
- Displayed on Main Roads WA [Variable Message Signs](#), where
- Displayed on local government roadside Fire Danger Rating (FDR) signs

Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact [Emergency Management](#) at Curtin or call the HSEM Department on (08) 9266 4900.

References

[Department of Fire and Emergency Service \(DFES\) website – Total Fire Bans](#)

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