

# Prep4Summer

This summer we need to look out for each other and highlight dangers to make sure that we all get home safely every day. The TSA have produced a number of safety briefs and material to support you

## RISK OF LINESIDE FIRES

Due to the continuing dry spell, the risk of lineside fires are greatly increased

### CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO LINESIDE FIRES

- Sparks from cutting rail are ejected and into the surrounding area during the works and can be carried further by the breeze
- Rail and materials will retain heat after the cutting operations are completed and may come into contact with flammable materials such as wooden sleepers
- Dry conditions increased the risk of vegetation catching fire
- A fire may not take hold until sometime after the work is completed as residual heat, air and flammable materials react



## CHECK YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

- Re-fuelling Disc Cutters - Use a non-drip fuel container or funnels when re-fuelling, ensuring any spillage is wiped from the equipment
- Have spill kits and serviceable firefighting equipment available
- Have a Fire Extinguisher suitable for the work environment considering OLE/3<sup>rd</sup> Rail and 'Fire Beaters' for vegetation fires
- Report all spills to the supervisor. Check the ground for any contamination from fuel
- Ensure the rail is secure on a flat and firm surface to prevent rolling
- Position the cut so that any ejected sparks and hot materials are directed away from potentially flammable materials
- Protect surrounding area from heat / sparks / ejected material. Have suitable firefighting equipment available. Consider the need to use Fire Screens, flame retardant matting and damping down vegetation prior to starting to burn

