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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Safe Behaviour: Precautions for the prevention of fire on the Infrastructure during hot weather.

For the attention of all Network Rail and Contractor staff who work on the Infrastructure.

Background:

During the hot weather there is an increased chance of accidental fire on a worksite; dry scrub, vegetation and rubbish can become dry and easily ignite. Fires can spread very quickly and be out of control within minutes with the potential to cause damage to property, injury to staff and passengers, and affect our ability to deliver the train timetable.



Action Required: All staff

1. Some activities are more likely to cause the initialising spark that could start a fire. If you are using abrasive wheels; rail cutters, grinders, welding equipment or engaged in any other activity where there is potential for the risk of fire, you must assess the risk and consider taking an H2O (Water) Fire Extinguisher to site with you, in addition to the type of fire extinguisher identified in the work activity risk assessment.
2. If there is a fire on site, you are only expected to try to put out a small fire without putting yourself and others at risk. You are not expected to fight a fire with the exception of an initial attempt at immediately extinguishing it. You must not put yourself or your colleagues at risk of injury.
3. In the event of a fire you must evacuate the area, inform ICC/IGC and dial 999 for the Fire Brigade.

This Safety Alert must be displayed for 28 days on the safety notice board