

TOTAL FIRE BAN EXCEPTIONS

BUSHFIRES REGULATIONS 1954 (regulations 24Y-24ZB)

Road Work

Prescribed activity & conditions

This information is to assist persons conducting road work during a total fire ban (TFB).



What conditions do I need to comply with to carry out road work during a TFB?

- During a total fire ban, road work (*see definition*) may only be carried out:
- In the course of trade or commerce, or
- By (or on behalf of) a public authority,

AND ONLY WHEN:

- The Fire Danger Rating is not Catastrophic, and
- All the following conditions are complied with.

Note: essential services can continue road work during catastrophic FDR if the work is urgent work (*see definition*).

- ✓ Notification is provided to DFES and the relevant local government between 24 hours and 30 minutes prior to the road work activity commencing using the online notification form on the DFES website.
- ✓ If the road work is to be conducted within 3 km of land managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Parks and Wildlife Service, then notification to the respective local District and Regional Duty Office of the Parks and Wildlife Service must be provided between 24 hours and 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the road work.

Definitions

Road Work means any of, or any combination of, the following undertaken for the purposes of the construction, maintenance, or repair of a road -

- the lighting, maintenance or use of fire in the open air to heat bitumen in bituminising equipment;
- the loading of heated bitumen onto or the unloading of heated bitumen from bituminising equipment;
- the application of heated bitumen onto or the unloading of heated bitumen from bituminising equipment;
- the grading of the surface of the road using grading equipment.

Bituminising equipment means a bitumen tanker, bitumen sprayer, bitumen storage unit, mobile asphalt plant, mobile asphalt paver, pavement recycling machine or other similar piece of equipment.

Grading equipment: means a grader, bulldozer, scraper or other similar piece of equipment.

Road site in relation to road work, means the place at which the road work is carried out.

Road means a road as defined in the Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008 Section 4; or a private road; but does not include any part of a reservation, median strip or traffic island on which there is bush.

Private road means a driveway, or a road or track that is not open to, or used by, the public.

Essential service means any of the following — (a) water supply, sewerage or drainage services; (b) electricity or gas services; (c) telecommunications services; (d) public transport services; (e) rubbish collection or disposal services.

Urgent works in relation to the provision of an essential service: means repairs or maintenance necessary for the continued provision, or restoration, of the service.



Ways to keep informed of a TFB:

A TFB is declared the evening before it is to take effect. You can check after 6.00pm to see if a TFB has been declared for the following day.

- Call TFB hotline 1800 709 355
- Visit <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au>
- Call 13 DFES (133 337)
- Listen to ABC local radio and other media outlets
- Check roadside Fire Danger Rating signs
- Follow DFES on Facebook or Twitter
- Subscribe to RSS at the following link to receive email notifications_
<https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#cap-rss>

Follow the steps!

Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm if it's a TFB• DFES Total Fire Ban + www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#totalfirebans• Phone: TFB hotline 1800 709 355
Notify	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify DFES and the relevant local government by completing the DFES online notification form between 24 hours and 30 minutes prior to the activity commencing.• Notify Parks and Wildlife Service (P&W) between 24 hours and 30 minutes prior to the activity commencing where the activity is occurring within 3 kms of land managed by P&W.
Proceed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject to prescribed activity conditions, proceed with the activity as required.

Can anyone carry out this activity during a TFB?

No – the prescribed activity can only be carried out in the course of trade or commerce, or by (or on behalf of) a public authority. This activity is NOT allowed to be carried out during a TFB by the general public. For more information on restrictions during a TFB, please refer to the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans

Penalties for non-compliance with activity conditions:

Stakeholders who do not comply with the conditions within the Regulations may receive an infringement of \$1,000, or upon conviction receive a penalty of \$25,000 and/or be jailed for 12 months.

Who should I contact if I need further information?

Please call the Total Fire Ban Hotline (available 24/7) on 1800 709 355 or email exemptions@dfes.wa.gov.au during business hours.

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