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**TFPA VISION:**

To make every owner on whose land a veldfire may start or burn or from whose land it may spread, aware of the rules and regulations as pertained in the act: National Veld and Forest fire Act, 2001 as amended.

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## **TFPA minimum requirements and guidelines for Legal Proceedings**

As approved on 23 April 2018

**Definition:** Plot – Agricultural land 25ha and smaller  
Farm – Agricultural land larger than 25ha

**TFPA Minimum recommendation regarding fire breaks:**

Plots – The fire breaks must have a minimum width of 2m.  
Farms - The fire breaks must have a minimum width of 3m.

**TFPA Minimum recommendation regarding fire fighting equipment:**

<b>Farm</b>	<b>Plot</b>
Bakkie Sakkie	Knapsack
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Drip Torch or Fire lighter	
1 Mobile radio per fire fighting team	

**TFPA Minimum recommendation regarding PPE:**

1. Heat resistant overall or denim overall
2. Cotton T-shirt with long sleeves
3. Firefighting Balaclava, single layer
4. Safety boots – No gumboots or tekkies
5. Leather or denim gloves
6. Heat resistant eye protection
7. Mouth Protection – Dust mask or mutton cloth

**TFPA Minimum recommendation regarding Training:**

Farm workers: Introduction course to grass and wild land firefighting by an accredited training provider to receive a Certificate of Competence.

Lodges: The Supervisors should attend at least the Lodge Training course by an accredited training provider to receive a Certificate of Competence.

**TFPA Minimum recommendation regarding fire extinguishers in buildings:**

High risk buildings (Thatched roof, sheds, store rooms and farming related buildings):

2 x DCP fire extinguishers per 100m<sup>2</sup>

Medium risk buildings (Tile or Sink roofed houses):

2 x DCP fire extinguishers per 200m<sup>2</sup>

The fire extinguishers must be installed at the entrance or exit of the building.

We recommend CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguishers and fire blankets to be used in a kitchen.

**TFPA recommendation regarding Thatched Roofs:**

Thatched roof should have additional water hose reels, hydrant or sprayers protection system (min 2.5bar)

Nozzels must be able to reach all sides of structure and roof (sufficient lengths of hose)

The system must be tested on a regular basis.

Lightning pole - The pole must be earthed, maintained and comply with the conditions of your Insurance Company.

**TFPA Minimum recommendation regarding clearance around buildings:**

Areas around buildings must be kept clean from material that can burn.

Grass must be short and materials with a potential to burn (old fuel) must be removed.

Trees and branches close to buildings must be trimmed so that fire cannot spread from them to the building.

**Areas to be cleaned around buildings:**

Lodges - 30m

Farmhouses - 30m

Stores - 30m

Garages - 30m

Worker houses - 30m

Transformer boxes - 10m

Additional control lines should be in place some distance from the clearance. These can be roads, dams, rivers, rocky areas or constructed lines.

**Vehicle tyres:**

The TFPA do not encourage land owners to make use of vehicle tyres to build for instance, Game enclosures.

**The smoke that is omitted when tyres are burning is hazardous to humans and animals. It is contravening municipal regulations. We will in due course supply all members with information surrounding this product.**