

FLOOD SAFETY

- Get to know your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes and locations of emergency shelters.
- During severe storms, listen to your local radio or TV stations. Stay up-to-date on possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress.
- Be prepared to evacuate quickly. Have all your essential items gathered in advance.
- **Head for higher ground.** If you are outside or in your home and a flood takes place, you should always look for higher ground.
- **Avoid flood waters.** If you are driving and come upon a flooded road, turn around and drive the other way.
- Be careful in the dark. Evacuating in the evening is very dangerous as flood hazards may be hard to see.
- Be aware of electricity and animals in flood water when cleaning up after a flood.

Important

- **Memorise the Emergency numbers on this pamphlet.**
- Have a fire safety plan and make sure that everyone knows how to evacuate the home during a fire.
- Get rid of hot ash and coal in a safe place.
- Smother a fire with sand.
- Check that electrical appliances are correctly wired.
- Keep the area around your home clear of material that can burn, like firewood, kindling, garbage.
- Ensure that you put any cigarettes out properly.
- Don't leave open fires unattended.
- Don't burn rubbish on a hot or windy day.
- Don't make veld fires without the permission of your local fire services.
- Don't drive through smoke as you could end up in the fire.

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FIRE AND FLOOD AWARENESS

STAY ALERT DON'T GET HURT



We are teaching you how to stay safe.
You must always be aware of your environment so that we can prevent fires and prepare for floods **BETTER TOGETHER.**



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FIRE SAFETY

What to do when there is a fire

- Get out of the house and stay out.
- Crawl on your hands and knees under the smoke.
- Don't try to gather photo albums or passports - rather get out.
- Once outside, never try to go back into the house to fetch a pet or anything else.

What to do if your clothes catch fire

- STOP! Never run.
- DROP DOWN and then cover your face with your hands.
- ROLL OVER and over to put out the flames.
- Roll them tightly in a blanket or jacket. This stops air getting to the fire and will extinguish it.

- If someone is burnt, gently pour cold water onto the burn. If the burn is over a large area keep the person warm as they can go into shock. Get medical attention for any type of burn.

How to use paraffin safely

- Keep paraffin and matches in areas that children cannot reach.
- Store paraffin in a glass bottle - never use milk cartons or cool drink bottles.
- Turn appliances off and put out all flames when you leave home or go to sleep.
- **Use sand** to extinguish paraffin fires, **not water!** Keep a bucket of sand nearby.
- If a child swallows paraffin, don't give them anything to eat or drink. Never force them to vomit. Take the child to the doctor immediately.

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How to use a candle safely



Fill a recycled glass bottle half way up with sand and push half a candle into it.



As shown in the picture above, if the candle gets knocked over, the sand will put out the flame.