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Make sure everyone on the farm has basic training and knows the contingency plans in place in case of a fire. This includes location and use of the different fire extinguishers.

Ensure your fire extinguishers are fit for purpose and are checked regularly. Have one with every vehicle in case of emergencies, especially at harvest and when on the highway.

Make sure machinery is chaff free, is serviced and in good condition.

Regularly check and maintain open water supplies that may need to be used in the case of a fire.

Put up notices and remind employees and visitors to the farm about being careful with cigarettes and matches.

Prepare to assist the fire service with farm machinery if needed.

Always stop and check hot running bearings, machines or smoke from an engine or machinery part.

If lighting a controlled fire or working in conditions such as harvest or with machinery where there is a risk of fire, be aware of windy conditions and the direction of the wind.

Always have a charged mobile phone with you and ensure someone knows where you are.

**During Harvest Time**

Have a tractor and associated equipment ready to cut a fire break.

Keep a full water bowser or tank in or near to the field where you are working.

Clean machinery every day, especially combines and tractors to stop the build-up of chaff; if necessary use a compressor to blow debris away.

In windy or breezy conditions consider harvesting from downwind in an upwind direction, so that if a fire did start, it would not be driven through the remaining crops.

Consider cultivating fire breaks around the fields that have been harvested.

**In the Case of a Fire**

Call the fire service immediately with the exact location, vital minutes can make a huge difference.

If possible have people at the farm entrance and on the farm to direct the fire service as soon as they arrive, especially if the fire cannot be seen from the road or is easily accessible from the farm entrance.

Evacuate livestock to a safe area well away from the fire.

Move any farm machinery or combustible materials that are close to where the fire is, always putting your and others safety first.

Always be aware of where everyone is during the fire, it is easy for people to be lost in the smoke or cut off.

Have a pre-arranged point where everyone can go to and be accounted for.

Use the appropriate fire extinguishers for the type of fire.