



Section 4 – Checklists

4.1 Ten Standard Fire Orders

- 1 Stay in contact
- 2 Watch the fire
- 3 Know the country
- 4 Escape route
- 5 Park in a safe place
- 6 Check instructions
- 7 Use an anchor point
- 8 Wear safety gear
- 9 Keep calm
- 10 Take care



4.2 WATCHOUT on the Fireline

Weather – dominates fire behaviour, so keep informed

Actions – must be based on present and expected fire behaviour

Try out – at least two safe escape routes

Communicate – your supervisor, your crew and adjoining crews

Hazards – beware of variations in fuels and steep slopes

Observe – changes in wind speed and direction, temperature, humidity and cloud

Understand – your instructions, make sure you are understood

Think – clearly, be alert and act decisively before situation becomes critical



4.3 Is Your Vehicle Ready?

- 1 When loaded is the weight of your vehicle less than the rated Gross Vehicle Mass?
Yes No
- 2 Is the load including tank, pump and fittings properly secured?
Yes No
- 3 Is your vehicle roadworthy? (To VicRoads standards.)
Yes No
- 4 Are the vehicle and pump mechanically sound?
Yes No
- 5 Have the vehicle and pump been serviced regularly?
Yes No
- 6 Is your vehicle fitted with a UHF Radio transceiver?
Yes No
- 7 Is there a first-aid kit in the vehicle?
Yes No
- 8 Is there a woollen blanket for fire protection in the vehicle?
Yes No
- 9 Is your vehicle fitted with an amber rotating beacon?
Yes No
- 10 Is your vehicle fitted with heatshields? (If required.)
Yes No



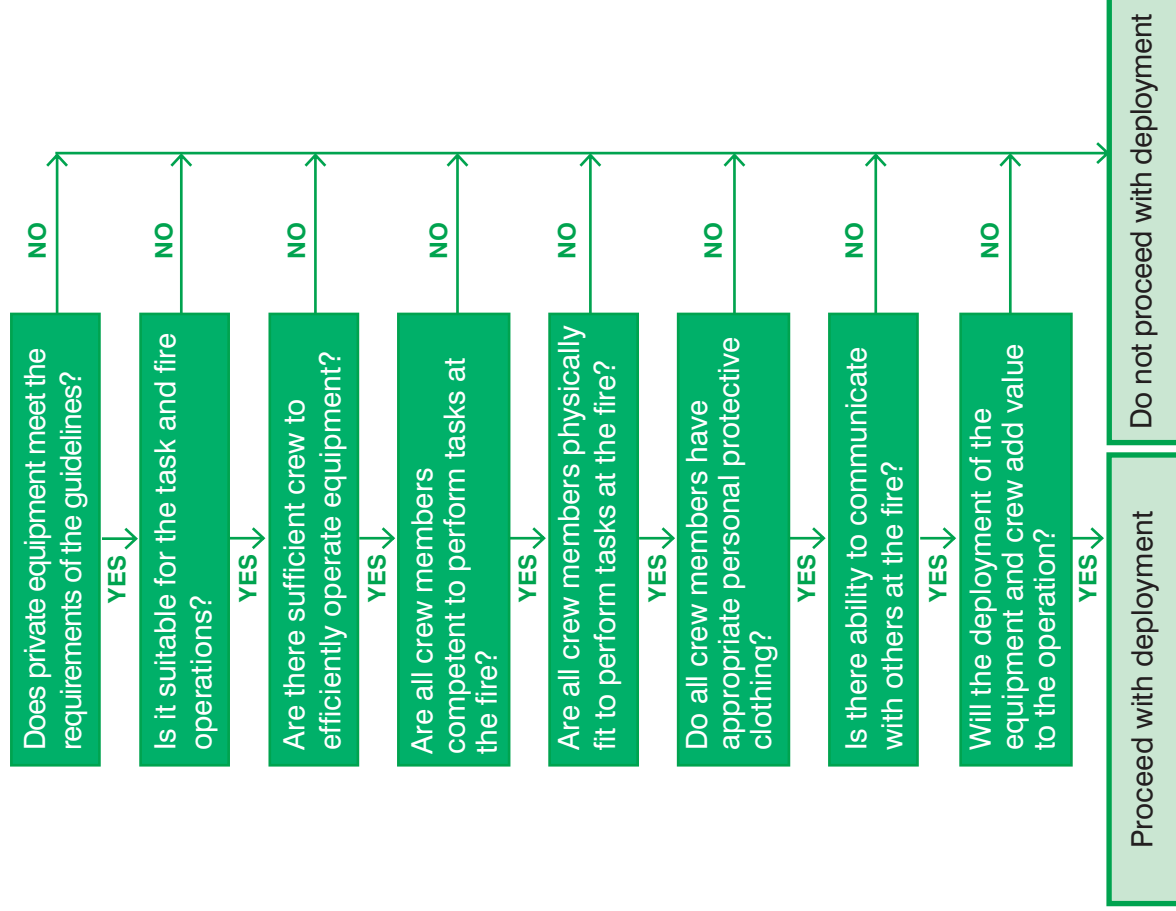
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4.4 Do You Have the Correct Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment?

- 1 Cotton or natural fibre overalls with long sleeves? Yes No
or
Natural fibre work shirt and trouser ensemble? Yes No
- 2 Sturdy leather boots? Yes No
- 3 Leather work gloves? Yes No
- 4 Industrial type helmet with chin strap? Yes No
- 5 Industrial type goggles? Yes No
- 6 Respirator or dust mask? Yes No
- 7 Hearing protection? (If required.) Yes No
- 8 High visibility vest? (If required.) Yes No
- 9 Drinking water/food/snacks? Yes No



4.5 Are You Ready to Deploy?



Your local fire brigade: Radio channel:

Contact person: Telephone:

Remember:

- Everyone at the fire has responsibility for safety.
- Accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure someone from CFA at the fire is aware of your presence and what tasks you are undertaking.
- Work cooperatively with the emergency services and others.
- Do not work alone – team up with others.
- Be aware of the situation around you and any hazards likely to cause you harm.
- Wear appropriate personal protective clothing.
- Know and work within your personal limits and ability.
- Ensure your equipment is well maintained and you know and operate it within its limits and capability.
- Ensure the tasks you undertake match your capability and that of your equipment.
- Maintain communications.