

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



Machine fire

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Background

18th February 2022, an excavator completing site preparation within Vasse Plantation suffered a fire in the engine bay with resultant loss of machine and plantation resource (approx. 240ha). Fortunately, there were no injuries.

This financial year there have been 7 machine related fires involving FPC contractor machinery.



Key Points

- Between the time the fire commenced to making the initial '000', around 30 minutes elapsed.
- Mobile reception in the area was poor and the nominated mobile reception point was 10 minutes away.
- The machine did not have an onboard fire suppression system.
- FPC contractor Emergency procedures should be consistent with FPC Contractor Procedure F1 – Fire requirements.

Remember ADVISE:

- **Alert** – Immediately alert someone who can contact others for help if the fire escalates.
- **Defend** – If safe, take action to suppress the fire in-line with employee training.
- **Vocalise** – Maintain continuous communication with work colleagues or fire managers.
- **Identify** – Identify safe escape routes in-case the fire escalates.
- **Safety** – Identify safety zones where you can go if the fire escalates.
- **Equipment** – Ensure you are wearing personal protective equipment at all times during fire suppression.