

# SHEQ ALERT: Fire Risk for Summer



## Risk Assessment for Fire Hazards

DATE OF INCIDENT	2.12.2025	ALERT ID	
LOCATION	FHL Pole Yard, Napier	EVENT NUMBER	VEN-EVT-28519
SECTOR/PROJECT	Transpower	CLASSIFICATION ACTUAL	Negligible
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### WHAT HAPPENED?

- A subcontractor started a fire in short grass during the process of breaking up concrete poles for removal from the pole yard.
- The cause has been identified as a spark from contact with the head of the breaker onto the steel reinforcing
- Contractor called the fire brigade, and the fire was extinguished within 20mins

### WHAT ARE THE LESSONS LEARNED

- It is thought a spark may have caused the fire in the dry grass
- Ensure hot works permits are in place to mitigate any risk of fire.
- Seasonal conditions can change between planning and job execution which is why on-site risk assessment is critical to all work
- During the summer months dry grass will increase the risk of fire from sparks, hot vehicle exhaust etc.



### AUDIENCE

- All Ventia NZ staff

### RESOURCES

- Control of Hot Work – Work Instruction

### FOR ACTION

- **Review** advice and action at your site.
- **Share** with workers (eg. Toolbox Talks and WHS Committees).
- **Display** on your site noticeboards.

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