

Quick Cut Hazard

Risk of Fire

Whilst a worker was using a quick cut saw, sparks flew out to a patch of dry grass which caught fire and spread quickly.

Recommendations:

- Check that the environment around the area has been cleared, cut down or doused with water.
- Check weather conditions e.g. fire danger days, windy etc.
- Ensure SWMS are being followed. Is there water close by, water hose connected to the saw and fire extinguisher?
- Check there is a hot works permit in place.
- Ensure a spotter is there when conducting any hot works.
- Operators to check machine daily for fuel and oil leaks around work area.
- Unit to be turned off and cool before refuelling and ensure fuel cap is replaced firmly.
- Fuel storage to be well clear of machine and any hot areas.
- Ground to be checked for fuel spills and any spills rectified.

