

Industry and commercial operators have legal obligations under the *Wildfire Act* and Wildfire Regulation to assess and prevent the risk of starting a wildfire. This includes hazard assessment and abatement during high-risk activities. An example of a high-risk activity is operating a power saw. Please see the below links “Wildfire Prevention For Industry & Commercial Operators” and “Wildfire Hazard Assessment & Abatement” and “High Risk Activities” for more information on the rules and regulations that industry and commercial operators must follow in order to operate during times of a heightened Fire Danger Rating.

Wildfire Prevention For Industry & Commercial Operators

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators>

Wildfire Hazard Assessment & Abatement <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/hazard-assessment-abatement>

High Risk Activities <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities>

Wildfire Legislation and regulations link <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/governance/legislation-regulations>

The BC Wildfire Service places and lifts fire bans and restrictions which is part of the BC Wildfire Service Mandate & Strategy. Please see below links “BC Wildfire Service Mandate & Strategy” and “Fire Bans and Restrictions” for more information on how and why fire bans get implemented and lifted.

BC Wildfire Service Mandate & Strategy <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/about-bcws/governance/mandate-strategy>

Fire Bans and Restrictions <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

Free Use Permits i.e. firewood permits are issued by the Natural Resource District. Free Use permits are not issued by the district until the Fire Danger Rating is moderate. Issuance of free use permits also depends on availability of material on provincial Crown land. Please see below link “Fire Danger” for more information on the Fire Danger Rating system.

Fire Danger <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger>